Lebanon protests to U.N. against Israel

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Lehanon protested to the United Nations on Wednesday against an Israeli commando raid on Sunday night that it said left seven Lebanese dead and four wounded. "The Lebanese government strongly condemns this serious criminal action and capations that Israel is continuing to flout the rules of international law, the letter and spirit of the United Nations Charter, and the resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies," Lebanese U.N. representative Rashid Fakhoury and. In a letter to Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, he said an Israel commando force of about 40 men went ashore on the Lebanese coast south of Sarda, 40 kilometres north of the Israeli border "Using fast boats and helicopters, they attacked with missiles and machine-guns, leaving seven dead and four wounded -- all Lebanese -- before withdrawing under cover of intense bombardment from the sea and from the air." Mr. Fakhoury added: "The pretext which Israel cites in justification of this criminal act, namely its campaign against the terrorist activities of which it is the target, amounts to a further escalation of the intensive propaganda campaign Israel is mounting to mislead international public opinion.

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#### 'Eid holidays begin on Monday

AMMAN (Petra) - All ministries and government departments and public institutions will be closed from Monday, Aug. 3 to Friday, Aug. 7, on the occa-sion of 'Eid Al Adha (Feast of Sacrifice), according to a circular issued Wednesday by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai. The circular said that ministries and government departments and public institutions would return to work on Saturday, Aug. 8.

#### Tkilled, 8 hurt in Gaza blast

TEL AVIV (R) — A nine-yearold boy was killed and eight other Palestinians were injured on Wednesday when an Arab boy threw a hand grenade into a shop in the occupied Gaza Strip, police sources said. They said two people were seriously injured in the explosion in Khan Yunis which occurred after three Palestinian boys began playing with hand grenades they found in a rubbish bin near the shop. A 100-year-old man was among the casualties. The army immediately clamped a curfew on the area, the sources

#### Bonn to resume loans to Syria

FRANKFURT (R) - West Germany has started to lend money to Syria again after stopping last year when it suspected that Syria was implicated in a West Berlin bomb attack, the Economic Cooperation Ministry said Wednesday. The government decided this mouth to resume development aid and is assessing projects for loans totalling 146 million marks (\$79 million), a ministry spokeswoman said from

#### U.S. Senate panel approves 11 envoys

WASHINGTON (USIA) - The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted on Tuesday to approve the nominations of eleven new U.S. ambassadors, including two to the Near East area: The nominees that received a unanimous vote were: W. Nathaniel Howell to be ambassador to Kuwait; and Roscoe Seldon Suddarth to ambassador to Jordan; Warren Clark, to be ambassador to Gabon and to serve concurrently as ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe; Mark L. Edelman (Cameroun); Samuel Eldred Lupo (Guinea); Robert G. Rich (Belize); Leonard Grant (Congo): Theresa Anne Tull Guyana); and Michael G. Wygant to be U.S. representative to Micronesia. Also, by a 13-4 vote, the committee approved Richard N. Viets to be ambassador to Portugal; by a 17-1 vote, it approved Nicholas Platt to be ambassador to the Philippines.

#### Junblatt meets pro-Iran group leaders

BAALBEK, Lebanon (R) — Lebanese Druze leader Walid Junblatt met pro-Iranian officials in their northeastern stronghold of Baalbek after pledging to support Iran against the French navy, Muslim fundamentalist sources said Wednesday. Mr. Junblatt refused comment after a one-hour meeting Tuesday night with Sheikh Subhi Tufaili of Hizbollah (Party of God), and Hussein Mousawi of Islamic Amal.

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# France orders naval task force to Mideast

PARIS (Agencies) — A French aircraft ing the strategic waterway itself. carrier and three escort ships will put to sea by midday Thursday after being placed on alert for possible duty in the Gulf war zone, the Defence Ministry said.

The ministry earlier announced that the task force, crewed by 3,000 men, would sail "on a mission to protect French interests in the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean."

France, citing escalating ten-sion in the Middle East, put the aircraft carrier Clemenceau, the guided-missile destroyers Duquesne and Suffren and the supp-ly ship Meuse on alert over the weekend

"Its mission is to head towards the Indian Ocean to protect French interests if necessary," Prime Minister Jacques Chirac told a news conference.

"We have no aggressive intentions but we demand respect," he said after a meeting with British Prime Minister Margaret

A Defence Ministry spokes-

Toulon, the base of France's Mediterranean fleet, within 24 hours. Officials in Toulon said the ships, commanded by Admiral Herve le Pichon, would lift anchor between 0900 and 1000

Defence officials said the move was not intended to escalate France's diplomatic conflict with Iran, which led to a break in relations on July 17. They repeated that the order to sail was a precaution but declined to say whether the warships would head

straight for the Gulf. The U.S. navy is escorting oil tankers past Iranian anti-ship missiles emplacements and gunboats in the Gulf but France has ruled out any such high-profile manoeuvres.

The French vessels would take 15 days to reach the Gulf area man said the order meant the although the government has ships would leave the port of ruled out the Clemenceau enter-

France and Iran are locked in a row over the refusal of an Iranian embassy interpreter, Vahid Gordji, to testify on his alleged links with last year's bombing campaigns in Paris which killed

13 people. Embassies in both capitals are ringed by police.
France has a command ship and two frigates in or near the Gulf, but its small Indian Ocean fleet lacks air cover and antiaircraft defences.

The Clemenceau, which recently had a major refit, can carry up to 40 aircraft, including Super Etendard strike planes, and has a Crotale air defence system.

Iranian gunboats machinegun-ned the French container ship Ville d'Anvers on July 13 in an attack linked by French officials to the diplomatic crisis.

Defence experts note that the task force does not include minesweepers, suggesting the French navy does not intend to move into the Gulf in force.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati has dismissed the French naval alert as sabre-rattling designed to please domestic

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## High seas delay Bridgeton loading and mine-clearing operations in Gulf

KUWAIT (Agencies) — High seas on Wednesday delayed loading of the mine-damaged Kuwaiti supertanker Bridgeton and U.S. navy efforts to clear mines from its route out of the Gulf, shipping sources quoted by news agencies

They said the 401,382-tonne vessel berthed briefly Wednesday morning at an offshore terminal 16 kilometres from the coast but strong winds of more than 20 knots forced it to move back to its anchorage.

The weather also affected U.S.

mine-hunting efforts in the channel where the Bridgeton was holed last Friday near Iran's Farsi Island about 240 kilometres southeast of Kuwait.

The sources said navy experts operating out of helicopters with sonar equipment had been pre-vented from continuing their survey of the area.

A Pentagon official said in Washington on Tuesday more

ADDIS ABABA (Agencies) — The Organisation of African Uni-

links with South Africa and adopt

other sanctions against its white-

The call came in a declaration

issued by the 50-member pan-

African group on the last day of a

three-day summit dominated by

discussions on South Africa, the

continent's economic crisis and

the Chad-Libya territorial dis-

The summit averted a show-

down between Chad and Libya

over the disputed Aouzou strip

by reviving a committee charged

with finding a peaceful settle-

The summit asked President

Omar Bongo of Gabon, chairman

of a previous mediation commit-

tee, to stay on as head of a

reconstituted team and resume

his efforts to resolve the 14-year-

Mr. Bongo had offered his

resignation on the grounds that

Libya's refusal to cooperate with

his mission has a personal humi-

Libya insists that the border

hopeful he would withdraw his

resignation.

The Aouzou dispute was the

most serious issue facing the Afri-

can heads of state at this confer-

old conflict.

**OAU** summit calls for

mine-sweeping helicopters to Gulf

ited States will send eight big minesweeping helicopters to the Gulf to help clear sealanes for U.S. shipping, defence officials said Wednesday. "They are ex-pected to be in the Gulf and ready to operate during the first week in August," said one official, who asked not to be identified. The officials told Reuters the Sirkorsky MH-53E super stallion helicopters would be put aboard the U.S. navy helicopter ship Guadaicanal in the Indian Ocean and the ship would be sent into the Gulf as a floating platform.

island, used as base for gunboat attacks by Iranian Revolutionary Guards on Kuwait-linked ship-

ping.
But the sources said they were mines had been found near the unware that any new mines had

declaration condemning the poli-cies of the South African govern-

The declaration said the OAU

"again condemns the racist reg-

ime and its policy of state terror-

ism." It called for a prohibition of

increased support for liberation

movements in South Africa and

The draft resolutions also con-

demned the policy of U.S. Presi-

dent Ronald Reagan's adminis-tration on Angola and urged

West Germany to drop an alleged

plan to dump nuclear waste in the Namibian desert. Bonn repe-

atedly has denied any such plan.

longstanding OAU call for an

international conference to dis-

A proposal to set a debt repay-

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ment ceiling of 20 per cent of export earnings died after opposi-

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U.S. to send Farsi Island channel. The mine punched a hole the size of a small truck in the bottom of the Bridgeton on its maiden WASHINGTON (R) - The Un-

voyage through the Guif under U.S. flag and naval escort. But the U.S. coast guard gave a verbai go-ahead on Tuesday for the ship to load two-thirds of its capacity - about 260,000 tonnes - and proceed at half-speed to ustomers waiting outside the Gulf off the United Arab Emi-

The Bridgeton and a smaller ship, the gas carrier Gas Prince, were the first of 11 Knwaiti tankers to gain U.S. naval protection after reregistering under the

American flag.
Iran had raided shipping linked with Kuwait in retaliation for the emirate's support for Baghdad in the seven-year-old Iran-Iraq war. On Monday, it threatened to hit Kuwaiti targets with surface-to-surface missiles.

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#### Genscher to visit sanctions against S. Africa comparison. The leaders on Wednesday Baghdad BONN (R) — Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher ty on Wednesday urged member completed their debate on events nations to cut air and shipping in southern Africa and issued a

accepted an invitation to visit. Baghdad in talks on Wednesday with Iraqi counterpart Tareq Aziz, signalling West German moves to soothe a row over who started the Gulf war.

imports of South African farm products, coal, uranium, iron and The declaration came as leaders at the annual meeting considered draft resolutions prepared by foreign ministers during a

weeklong pre-summit meeting. One proposal addressed the date to be fixed. AIDS problem and called on African countries to work with the World Health Organisation to curb the deadly disease, but the heads of state and government

apparently did not discuss the The West German embassy in Draft documents also called for

Iraq called off economic talks with West Germany in protest at the radio interview in which Mr. Genscher referred to the Gulf conflict as "a terrible war which was begun by Iraq and in which

few Western states to maintain full ties with both Iran and Iraq and the row has dented its efforts to play the role of honest broker talks with West Germany set for early next month and diplomats say it has also suspended talks with West German firms engaged

### King visits army unit

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Com-mander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, Wednesday visited a unit of the Armed Forces undergoing

Accompanied by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the King heard a briefing on the training programmes and watched the unit performing exercises with live ammunition.

Present during the visit were His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, His Royal Highness Prince Talal Ibn Mohammad and a number of



WASHINGTON (R) - A top U.S. official said Tuesday Washington would press on with its convoys of reregistered Kuwaiti ships through the Gulf despite the embarrassment of the first ship hitting a mine.

Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East Richard Murphy said nine more Kuwaiti tankers would be put under the American flag within the next six weeks and then five or six convoys a month would be escorted through the

Mr. Murphy faced harsh ques-tioning from Democrats on a congressional committee to which he was testifying over why the supertanker Bridgeton was hit by a mine on the first escort of former Kuwaiti ships up the Gulf American proud again, he was

"This is an embarrassment, no

question," he told the committee. The fact the first U.S. escorted convoy through the Gulf was allowed to take place without any ability to clear mines known to be in the seaway infuriated Democrats on the committee. Robert Torricelli of New

Jersey was mainly angry at President Ronald Reagan.

"The right questions never seem to get asked in this adminis-tration's execution of military policy" he said.
"As a commander-in-chief

(Mr. Reagan) is a colossal failure of historic proportions. I am so tired of being embarrassed. For a president who was going to make

done nothing but embarrass me." he said. "Rather than enhance (U.S.)

security, it has genuinely damaged it. There is nothing that damages the security of a great power than for it to be belittled and embarrassed. Mr. Murphy said Washington

was discussing with its friends in the Gulf and with allies ways to prevent a recurrence of the fate of the Bridgeton.

The mine blew a large hole in the bottom of the 401,382-tonne Bridgeton, one of two tankers put under the protection of the U.S. flag and warship escorts earlier this month.

"We are working with states in

#### Soviets link cut in long-range missiles to ban on space arms GENEVA (R) — The Soviet the two (issues) to be de-linked, U.S. assails

Union made new proposals on Wednesday to ban space weapons, saying Washington must accept such restraints if it wanted deep cuts in long-range missiles arsenals.

Alexei Obukhov, deputy leader of the Soviet arms delegation, told reporters agreement to reduce long-range nuclear missiles was inseparable from a ban on space weapons.

He said Moscow would present a draft treaty on long-range, or strategic, nuclear arms "in a few days" but emphasised that such an accord could be signed only after space weapons were

Soviet proposal

WASHINGTON (R) - The United States said a new Soviet proposal on space weapons was disappointing and appeared to offer no change in Moscow's longstanding demand for restrictions on America's "Star Wars" programme. State Department spokes-man Charles Redman also said it was time the superpowers moved ahead on a 15-year-old pledge to reduce long-range strategic arms without adding additional condi-tions like those advanced by the Kremlin.

"It is simply not possible for

he told reporters at the Soviet

Mr. Obukhov was waiting for the full U.S. arms negotiating team to arrive at the mission, where the Soviets outlined the proposals at a special plenary

U.S. President Ronald Reagan has said his arms control priority is securing 50 per cent cuts in the superpower strategic arsenals. The Kremlin has taken a tough

stand on cuts in these weapons since the superpowers resumed arms control efforts in March 1985. It has persistenly linked

cuts to banning space arms. (Continued on page 3)

### Palestinian beaten to death in Jenin jail

Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal

TEL AVIV (R) — Relatives of a Palestinian who died in an Israeli jail in the occupied West Bank last week say marks on his body show he was badly beaten.

Israeli attorney Felicia Langer told Reuters that 23-year-old Awad Hamdan was arrested on July 9 at his home near the West Bank town of Tulkarem on suspicion of links with Palestinian nationalist organisations.

His family was informed of his arrest the next day and were told on July 22 he died of a heart attack while awaiting interrogation in Jenin prison, said Ms. Langer, who specialises in de-

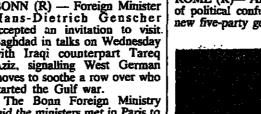
fending Palestinian prisoners. Jenin prison officials told family members Mr. Hamdan was killed by a snake bite. Ms. Langer

In an affidavit sent to the defence and police ministries. Mr. cleaning the body for burial found swelling and bruising above the left eye, near the kid-

neys and around the genitals. The affidavit added that the dead man was a keen sportsman, in perfect health and a recent medical checkup showed no signs of heart trouble, Ms. Langer said. She noted that there have been frequent allegations of brutality towards Arab prisoners in Israeli jails and that Mr. Hamdan was kept in a wing under the direct responsibility of the Shin Bet

'security' service. The Shin Bet itself is currently the subject of an official inquiry into accusations that it uses brutal methods of interrogation.

ROME (R)— After five months of political confusion in Italy a new five-party government took



said the ministers met in Paris to discuss the war and the United Nations resolution calling on Iran and Iraq to end their conflict. The ministry said Mr. Genscher accepted Mr. Aziz's invitation to visit Iraq this autumn, on a

Diplomats in Bonn described the talks as good and constructive and said West Germany appeared to be on the way to pacifying Iraq over a remark by Mr. Genscher in a radio interview.

Paris said the two men would also met in New York during the opening of the U.N. General Assembly in September.

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Giovanni Goria

office on Wednesday headed by Christian Democrat Giovanni ria, 44, the country's youngest prime minister since World War

The 30-member cabinet of Christian democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Social Democrats and Liberals was sworn in by President Francesco Cossiga and is expected to win votes of confidence in both houses of parliament by next week.

The bearded Goria, treasury minister for the last five years, smiled and joked with reporters after the ceremony, clearly re-lieved to have succeeded. His two-week effort to form a government was unexpectedly delayed by last-minute haggling over ministries by the Social Democrat Party Tuesday night.

Asked for a comment he said: "We have said enough already, now it is time to work."

The swearing-in ended a fivemonth power vacuum which began on March 3 when a similar coalition led by Socialsit Prime Minister Bettino Craxi was brought down by a fierce power struggle between his party and the majority Christian Democrats

The dispute led to general elections six weeks ago.

Mr. Craxi led two identical unlikely to restore such stability. Mr. Cossiga to circumvent the

coalitions for three-and-a-half years but political analysts believe Mr. Goria's government is

Mr. Goria was nominated by and deputy prime minister. Christian Democrat-Socialist abated after the election.

Mr. Goria's rapid success in forming a government was due to his acceptability to both parties and the approach of August when politicians like to join the exodus out of the hot cities.

But the dispute between Mr. Craxi and Christian Democrat leader Ciriaco de Mita - a fundamental struggle for political dominance — has only been shelved. Political analysts say it could

erupt at any time after controversial referendums in the autumn on nuclear energy and accountability of judges, issues on which the D.C. and Socialists disagree. Most analysts think Mr. Goria will last until next spring, long enough to push through the 1988 budget.

The composition of the new government is similar to Mr. Craxi's cabinet although the Socialists, who gained in the June election and who have conceded the premiership, have won the extra ministers. There are 15 Christian Democrats, eight Socialists, three Republicans, three Social Democrats and one Liberal.

Mr. Goria, 44 today, is not the youngest member of the cabinet which has many ministers in their 40s. Social Democrat Culture Minister Carlo Vizzini is 40.

Some 16 members of the government are ministers for the first time. They include Giuliano Amato, 49, a top aide of Mr. Craxi, who is treasury minister

The new ministers also include Renato Ruggiero, head of the squabbling, which continued un- Foreign Ministry who was the senior official organising last

month's Venice summit of leading industrialised democracies. A Socialist, he becomes foreign trade minister while another Socialist, Italian Olympic Committee Chairman Franco Carraro

becomes tourism minister. The cabinet has only one woman, Christian Democrat Rosa Russo Jervolino, 50, whose Ministry of Special Affairs includes responsibility for women.

#### Armacost in Greece for talks on bases

ATHENS (R) — U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs Michael Armacost arrived in Athens on Wednesday on an official two-day visit for talks covering the future of American military bases in Greece, government officials said. Shortly after his arrival from Turkey, Mr. Armacost met Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias. He is due to hold talks with Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou on Thursday. The visit marks an improvement in relations between Washington and Athens following a row earlier this month over American charges that Greek officials had contacts with Palestinian guerrilla leader Abu Nidal, diplomats said.





# Iran to retaliate worldwide against any U.S. attack

A Tokyo shipping source said he was sceptical of the Iranian

claim and said the strait was too

Iran ready. for oil crisis

Meanwhile Iran's spiritual

leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah

Khomeini, urged Muslims Tues-

day to "crush America's teeth in

its mouth" and said Tehran was

ready for an oil crisis if the world

wanted one, the Iranian News

In a message to the hundreds of thousands of Muslims perform-

ing the annual pilgrimage to Mec-ca, Saudi Arabia, Khomeini warned the United States that

military intervention in the Gulf

for an oil crisis and disruption of

Agency IRNA reported.

vast for Iran to block.

TOKYO (R) — Iran will retaliate against any U.S. attack by hitting at U.S. facilities all over the world, Revolutionary Guards Minister Mohsen Rafiq-Dust was reported as saving Wednesday.

"I say here and now that if the the Gulf through which 60 per United States attacks Iran's har- cent of Japan's oil passes. bours or bases, we will attack American political, military and economic facilities all over the world." he said.

Japan's Kyodo News Service said the minister made the statement during an interview it conducted with him in Tehran

Mr. Rafiq-Dust did not elaborate on where such attacks would be likely to occur.

He was also quoted as saying Iran would attack without regard for nationality any Gulf shipping bound for Kuwait, an ally of Iran's adversary Iraq in the seven-year-old Gulf war.

It was not clear if this threat was conditional on a U.S. attack. The U.S. Navy earlier this month began escorting Kuwaiti tankers flying the American flag

Mr. Rafiq-Dust said Iran could "at any time" close off the vital Strait of Hormuz, the mouth of saying, "we, too, are ready and have fastened our belts, and everything is ready for operations." He said Iran so far had de-

ployed only a small part of its capabilities in the Gulf and warned the United States against traversing again the mined waterway, the agency, received in London, added.

Khomeini said war fever in Iran would not subside until the Iraqi Baath Party had been re-

"With the grace of God, we will tolerate all the pressures and international blockades to attain this great objective," he said. Superpower military presence in the Gulf was a plot and a prelude to attacking Iran and other Islamic states, Khomeini

He warned Gulf Arab heads of state and Western and Eastern superpowers, particularly the United States and the Soviet Union, not to engage into adventurism

and take hasty decisions.

IRNA said that in his message, was "a big trap and a dangerous Khomeini "also praised Lebanese If the world has prepared itself youth for being a source of pride economic, trade and industrial for Islam and for decisively humirelations, IRNA quoted him as liating global powers.

# .K. honours Beirut camp doctor

LONDON (AP) — British Doctor Pauline Cutting, who treated injured Palestinians besieged in a Beirut refugee camp, has received her Order of the British Empire (OBE) award from Queen Elizabeth II.

Ms. Cutting, 35, said she was "thrilled and delighted" to receive the award at the Buckingham Palace investiture ceremony, but never expected it. 'At the time I would have been

happy with a sandwich," she said. Ms. Cutting said she was dis-

with her at Bourj Al Barajneh camp and who has since returned to Lebanon, was made only a Member of the British Empire (MBE) when the queen's annual birthday honours list was announced last month.

"I would have liked us to have had the same but I don't think anybody's complaining," she

The camp was besieged by Shi ite Muslim militiamen for five

appointed that Scottish nurse months until April, Ms. Cutting Sudan Wighton, 28, who worked and others said they survived by eating rats, dogs and cats until a food blockade was eased by Syrian troops.

Ms. Cutting said she hopes to return to the camps next year. "I think about it every day, particularly at the moment because I'm writing my diary into a book to help get it out of my system," she said.

Honour lists are traditionally published on the queen's official birthday and New Year's Eve.

### Demjanjuk denies before U.S. court

TEL AVIV (AP) - John Demjanjuk denied at his war crimes trial Wednesday that he lied in previous testimony to provide himself with an alibi to counter charges he was a Nazi death camp

The retired Ohio autoworker, on the stand for the third straight day, remained composed under cross-examination. When the prosecution confronted him with

contradictions in his testimony, he repeatedly blamed his failing

Demjanjuk is accused of being the guard "Ivan the terrible" who operated the gas chambers at the Freblinka camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. About 850,000 people were killed at Treblinka in 1942 and 1943.

The Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk has said he is a victim of

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mistaken identity. He reiterated in testimony Monday and Tuesthat he was never at Treblinka, saying be was captured by the Germans and spent most of the war in German PoW camps.

Demjanjuk told the court Wednesday that he was drafted into the Soviet army in 1941 and that he was captured by the Germans in early 1942.

### **Soviets** again warn Israel against missile development

TEL AVIV (R) — Moscow Radio has again warned Israel against developing a nuclear missile, saying it was a threat to all Arab capitals and could reach the borders of the Soviet Union.

The warning, on the Hebrew language broadcast, was the fourth in less than a week. "The Soviet Union calls upon Israel not to oppose the Soviet peace initiatives including the eli-

mination of medium range missiles in Asia," the broadcast said. Soviet affairs analysts here believe the warnings are designed to placate Syria following Moscow's refusal to supply Damascus with advanced SS-23 missiles.

"I believe that the Russians floated a trial balloon and waited for Israel to react," Hebrew University Professor Amnon Sella.

told Reuters. Sella said Moscow was also trying to drive a wedge between Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak

Peres and his Labour Party favour an international Middle East peace conference that would include Soviet participation, while Shamir's right-wing Likud Bloc opposes both the conference and any Soviet participation. Peres and Shamir have

essured Moscow it has nothing to The latest Moscow broadcast welcomed Peres' statement but gnored Shamir's. Other transissions said the Israeli threat

came mainly from the right, radio nonitor Michael Gurdas told The Geneva-based Defence Review magazine said last week that Israel tested a Jericho II

missile capable of carrying nuc-

lear warheads and hitting distant

Arab capitals. In a broadcast on Friday Moscow said Israel was acting as a U.S. proxy within easy reach of Soviet Black Sea naval bases. "Every battery of Jericho II missiles is another mark on the Pentagon's map," the broadcast

### Gulf escort 'becomes nightmare' for U.S, Kuwait waters cannot handle the Sikors-

By Richard Pyle Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - What began as a fairly simple plan for the United States to reflag Kuwaiti oil tankers and escort them through the Gulf has turned into a political and logistical nightmare for both coun-

It has also raised the political stakes for the Arab states that have tried to maintain neutrality in the war between Iran and Iraq. A plan to partially load the

mine-damaged supertanker Bridgeton and send it back down the Gulf was greeted with scepticism by some shipping experts in the region.

Shipping sources said the Kuwaitis had been expected to sail the Bridgeton empty to either Bahrain or Dubai for repairs instead of trying to load the damaged tanker.

That way it would not run the hitting another mine while loaded and could act as a minesweeper ahead of the convoy as it did after hitting the mine 190 kilometres south of Kuwait's oil terminal, the source said.

On Tuesday, U.S. officials said navy units believe they have located more underwater mines in

A Western diplomat, speaking on the maiden trip on July 24.

TEL AVIV (R) — Deputy De-

fence Minister Michael Dekel has

provoked an outcry within

israel's ruling coalition by sug-

gesting that the 1.4 million Palestinians in the Israeli-occu-

pied West Bank should move to

"Only a warped and twisted

"Such an idea can only cause

enormous damage, I don't know

day night that removing the West

Bank population to an Arab

country could be a viable solution

On Wednesday he told state-run Israel Radio: "I'm not sug-

gesting forced repatriation, I sug-

est that the Western countries,

to the Palestinian problem.

mind could suggest ... a trans-fer," Foreign Minister Shimon

an Arab country.

Peres told parliament.

on condition of anonymity, said the move to load the ship would be primarily a "political decision" to allow the United States to salvage some of the prestige lost until safe passage could be when its high-tech warships proved incapable of protecting the tanker from an old-fashioned

But a Gulf-based salvage industry source said the decision to move the Bridgeton would more likely be based in Kuwait's need to keep its oil exports flowing.

"Of course there's an element of face-saving in it, but the Kuwaitis will certainly want to minimise their financial losses as much as possible," said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

#### **NEWS ANALYSIS**

If the 401,382-tonne Bridgeton is loaded to 65 per cent capacity, with about 260,000 tonnes of oil, it could depart by week's end for the 800-kilometre voyage through the Strait of Hormuz to an offshore trans-shipment point.

But it was still unclear whether the U.S. Navy would again escort the Bridgeton and a second Knwaiti ship flying the American flag, the 46,723-ton Gas Prince, through the same shipping chan-nel where four of the Bridgeton's tanks were damaged by the mine

Israeli aide: Palestinians should leave W. Bank

"The way is by international

The world should get used to the

agreement not by force," he said.

idea, the alternative is that events

here could eventually destabilise

the entire region."

The commander of the U.S. Middle East Force, Adm. Fam. Bernsen, virtually ruled out any resumption of the escort effort assured - not only for the tankers, but also for the thin-hulled U.S. warships that are more vulnerable to mines than the

tankers. There are no U.S. minesweeping vessels in the region and helicopters that could handle the on the eastern coast of the United soil.

"The only thing the Americans can be happy about in all of this is that the mine hit the Bridgeton and not one of their ships," said one Western diplomat.

In any case, repair facilities in Bahrain and Dubai are booked so tightly that the Bridgeton probably could not find a berth until mid-August at the earliest, the source said.

The Bridgeton is the biggest of Kuwait's 31 tankers and the first of 11 schednled to be reflagged by the United States.

In Washington, Pentagon sources indicated it was likely the United States will send helicopters equipped for mine-clearing to the Gulf. But there was a question of where to base them. The eight warships of the U.S.

in the region, not even Kuwait has showed any sign of softening its long-standing refusal to allow job are thousands of miles away a U.S. military presence on its The same is true of Saudi Arabia, which had earlier lent its four U.S.-built minesweepers to belo

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Among the Arab governments

clear the channel to Kuwait's main oil terminal at Mina Al Ahmadi. "Our negotiations are continuing" with both of those governments, said one American

official who spoke on condition he not be named. The Gulf states, including Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab

Emirates and Oman, have avoided any action that would appear to tilt them so far in favour of Iraq, that Iran might retaliate. Oman, which lies at the tip of

the Arabian peninsula, allows the United States limited military facilities but has given no sign it will permit a minesweeping operation to be based there. Middle East force now in Gulf

#### Knesset committee recommends

changes in

Israeli army

institute changes in defence policy which could lead to a smaller Israeli army. Subcommittee Chairman Dan Meridor said the legislators gave Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir,

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin a report which stressed military quality over quantity and technological development. The report recommends a

new approach to defence policy. A reduction in the size of the army may be a result because of constraints in the budget and the need to finance this new approach." Meridor told Res-

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Pottery exhibition by students from Yarmouk University at the British Council (until July 30).

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CHURCHES St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Amunication (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. De la Safie Church (Roman Catholic)
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Dekel said the idea was his own and not formed in consultation with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who heads Herut. A similar proposal was raised earlier this month by a reserve general in the Israeli army, lead-

any Arabs who would willingly ing to calls for his removal from agree and I hope not to know the reserve list. Jews who would want to make "If there's any talk of transfer them leave by force," Labour Party leader Peres said. it should be the transfer of Dekel from the Defence Ministry," left-Dekel, of the right-wing Herut wing parliamentarian Yossi Sarid told Israel Radio. Party told party supporters Tues-

Meanwhile the Committee Against State Terrorism at Sea said Tuesday Israel has over the past two years intercepted at least 15 boats in international waters and arrested hundreds of Palestinians on board. The newly-formed group made

particularly the United States, up of Palestinians and a few start to think (about the prob. Israelis Jews told a news confer-

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permits pre-emptive attaks outside Israeli territory. "It's another dimension of the expansion of Israel ... to be a notorious police force outside the country, throughout the Middle East," said Fahoum, a prominent

ence the interceptions were part

of an Israeli security policy which

been apprehended at sea. An Israeli army spokesman confirmed that the navy patrols waters near Lebanon and said: The navy stops ships it thinks are carrying guns, military hardware," or commandos.

"Suspected passengers are checked on the spot, but sometimes the navy needs to bring the ship to Israeli shores," sookesman said. Mr. Fahoum told Reuters: "It's

Palestinian boats."

TEL AVIV (R) - An Israeli Palestinian lawyer who has repreparliamentary subcommittee resented 70 Palestinians who have commended the country's leaders

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#### people who do not have weapons. They have nothing to do with Israeli security.

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PRAYER TIMES MONEY EXCHANGE Wednesday rates

| Local sell/buy rates in this | Solid State WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology. It will be relatively hot, but a drop in temperature is expected in the after-noon. Winds will be northwesterly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and calm sea. 

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ARRIVALS ..... Abu Dhabi (RJ) ..... Doha, Bahrain (RJ) .... Cairo, Aosba (RJ) ..... Malaga (RJ) 11:15 17:00 17:30

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### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Swiss ambassador marks national day

AMMAN (J.T) — On the occasion of Switzerland's national day, the Swiss ambassador in Amman, Harold Borner and Mrs. Borner hosted a reception Wednesday evening at the Swiss embassy in Amman. The reception was attended by foreign ambassadors, a number of ministers, senior government officials, and key public figures as well as representatives of the local and foreign press in Amman.

#### Jordan to attend information council meeting

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TUNIS (Petra) - Jordan, along with 11 other Arab countries, has agreed to attend the meetings of 22nd session of the Arab Information Ministers Council which will be held here August 27. The meeting's agenda includes reports on the utilisation of the Arab Satellite Network (ARABSAT), activities of Arab league missions abroad as well as developing Arab radio and T.V. programmes. The meetings will also discuss supporting media and cultural activities in the occupied Arab territories, supporting south Lebanon through Arab information action, establishing Arab news centres abroad, establishing an Arab company for T.V. production at the regional and international levels and establishing an Arab news agency.

#### Foreign Ministry official meets with Chilean envoy

AMMAN (Petra) — Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabih Al Nimir on Wednesday received Chilean Ambassador Alberto Yokam. During the meeting, the two discussed matters related to an agreement for economic and technical cooperation between two countries signed in 1981. They also discussed the visit which Chilean deputy foreign minister will come to Jordan before the end of this year for talks on strengthening bilateral cooperation. Mr. Nimir also on Wednesday received Swedish Ambassador

#### **International Youth Festival tours Agaba**

AQABA (J.T.) — A delegation from the first International Youth Festival, currently performing at the Jerash Festival, Wednesday visited the Ports Corporation and fertilisers factories as well as historical sites in Aqaba. The delegation toured the installations an saw the progress of work.

#### Amman, Tunis mayors hold talks

TUNIS (Petra) - Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh discussed recently with the mayor of Tunis, Mohammad Ali Suleiman, existing relations between the two capitals in various fields. The two sides stressed the necessity of cooperating and exchanging experience in providing services. Mr. Rawabdeh also reviewed with the Tunisian minister of cultural affairs, Zakariyya Al Mustafa. bilateral relations,

## OPEC grants Jordan \$5 million loan 🗸

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Fund for International Development will ex-tend a \$5 million loan to Jordan to finance the second stage of the Agaba Thermal Power Station project, according to the OPEC news agency, OPECNA.

The first stage of the station was also financed by the fund through a \$10 million loan in The project's aim is to meet the

country's future power demand and improve the quality of power-supply services.

The loan has an annual interest of five per cent, plus a one per cent service charge, and is repay-

**UDD** finalises

housing units

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Urban Development Department (UDD) has concluded plans for

building housing estates at Umm Nuwwara in the capital's suburbs and has announced a tender for the construction of the estate's

first 207 housing units, according

to UDD Director General

Hisham Al Zagha.

Dr. Zagha said the project will

consist of 1,400 housing units and 578 plots of land of different sizes

which will be distributed to other

beneficiaries for building homes.

The UDD has acquired a \$26 million loan from the World

Bank to finance the project.

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# able in 17 years, including a five-year grace period. The loan is the fourth made by

the fund to Jordan. The three previous loans were used to finance projects in agriculture, industry and energy.

The OPEC fund loan will supplement a \$5 million Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) loan also to finance the thermal power

The Cabinet last week approved the loan.

The OPEC fund also decided to extend loans to Somalia and Ethiopia. Somalia will receive a \$6 million loan to import capital

#### goods and spare parts required for agricultural and industrial production, as well as foodstuffs and essential consumer goods.

This is the sixth loan to be extended by the fund to Somalia - four of the previous loans were for balance of payments support and one for a sugar project.

In addition, a grant of \$1.02 million was made by the fund to cover Somalia's subscription on the Common Fund for Commod-

The loan carries an annual interest rate of three per cent plus one per cent service charge, and is repayable in eight years, including a three-year grace period.

### 5,500 palm trees take root at royal garden in Aqaba

AQABA (Petra) — The Aqaba
Region Authority (ARA) has
finished planting 5,500 palm trees
at the royal garden in Aqaba. The
trees in Aqaba is the first such
experiment in the city. The trees have been imported from Egypt, Tunisia and Oman and their planting has been 70 per cent successful, according to ARA President Bassam Qaqish. Mr. Qaqish spoke during a tour

experiment in the city. The trees are now growing on a 500 dunum plot of land specially allotted to

serve as a royal garden.

According to Mr. Qaqish, a total of JD 100,000 has been spent on the project, which is of the garden and was accompa-nied by Dr. Dureid Mahasneh, the Water Authority of Jordan.

#### Mu'ta president meets with students

KARAK (Petra) - Mu'ta University President Ali Mahafzah on Wednesday met with a delegation of the first gathering of Jordanian students abroad. Dr. Mahafzah briefed them on the university's development and its future programmes. He also spoke about higher education in Jordan and its importance in serving the local community. Dr. Mahafzah also pointed out that the university aims to turn out qualified Jordanian officers.

### New civil defence centre opens at Bani Kinaneh

IRBID (Petra) - A new civil defence centre opened Wednes-day at Bani Kinaneh in the north

Badia region of Jordan.

Civil Defence Director Lt.-Gen. Khaled Tarawneh attended the ceremony and said his department was planning to open similar centres in all regions to ensure

Two more civil defence centres will be opened at Azmi Al Mufti refugee camp and Al Mazar town before the end of the year, Lt.-Gen. Tarawneh said.

area. The centre cost JD 60,000 to build and will provide better

civil defence services to northern regions of Irbid Governorate. according to Lt.-Col. Mohammad Al Humud, CDD director in Irbid Governorate.

attended by the mayor and gov-ernor of Iroid, other senior officials and civil defence officers.

#### The new centre is the 21st of its The opening ceremony was kind in Irbid Governorate and is set up on a 360 square metre

# Ambassador says South Korea set to initiate reforms

#### By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - South Korea's Soon Park, said Wednesday his country is preparing for general; elections, pending final approval of an amendment to the constitution proposed by rival politial parties, which will recognise poli-tical power and allow direct presidential elections before the end

He said the Seoul Olympic Games scheduled for Sept. 1988, should be held on schedule and should be one of the most successful in the modern history of

the Games. Mr. Park told a press conference he held at his country's

embassy here that "since the establishment of our country, we have not have peaceful transfer of

He said the political compromise made by the present ruling party indicated the maturity of the Korean government and the concern to secure a peaceful transfer of power in a fully democratic process.

"What makes the current poli-

tical developments unique is that both, the leaders of the government, the opposition and general public have agreed to the course to be taken towards a more democratic development,' the South Korean ambassador said. "This was a wise decision without which we would not have been able to overcome a dangerous political crisis."

The present constitution stipulates that the president, who has most of the power, be elected by an electoral college of 5,000 peopeople to directly elect their president with a choice of candidates. The "democratisation packThe present seven year term of age" included annesty to opposiPresident Chun Pro Hwan ends don leaders and restoration of constitution is a great concession

South Korea. A decision by President Chun DOO HWan in April to postdone elections until after the Sept. 1988 Olympics and the announcement on June 10 of a candidate for the ruling party sparked na-tion-wide protests in the country

ruling party detailing an 8-point ·"democratisation package" assuring direct presidential elections eased the political crisis that ple. The amendment would allow could have ravaged the country.

Feb. 1988. The change in the their civil rights, a free press and local autonomy. The government to the main opposition parties in statement was endorsed on July

Ambassador Park said his country would continue its open door policy towards all countries including East Bloc states and North Korea. He criticised Pyongyang's inflexibility towards Seoul's overtures for peace talks with violent confrontations be-tween students and riot police. and declared his government ready to continue dialogue with A June 29 statement by the its northern neighbour.

On the economic level, South Korea's exports last year reached \$35 billion, with a \$4.1 billion export surplus. He said Seoul continued to oppose trade protec-tionism and maintain a free mar-

ket policy. He said the Seoul 1988 Olympics promise to be "one of the most successful Olympics" with the expected participation of almost all East Bloc countries. We expect that all peace-loving nations to come together for

'the amb North Korea, which had in sisted to share the Olympics with Seoul by hosting one-third of the Games, has been given a Sept. 17 deadline to agree to a final prop-osal made by the International Olympic Committee for staging five sports in North Korea.

### Murphy underlines U.S. resolve over convoys

from the Saudi Arabian navy.

Mr. Murphy said that whether

the U.S. helicopters would oper-

ate out of Kuwait was still "an

open question, because we are in

the middle of discussions with

Kuwait and other states on how

Kuwait had turned down a U.S.

request that it be given facilities

from which to operate the heli-copters. No such request had

been made yet, they said.

The officials also said they were worried that the "tanker war"

could resume soon despite an

informal ceasefire by Iraq since

July 15, five days before the U.N.

The officials denied report that

to carry this out."

(Continued from page 1) the region, with allies and with our own resources to ensure future convoys have a passage safe from mines," Mr. Murphy said. "We will take all steps necessary to ensure there will be no

recurrence," he said. Mr. Murphy declined to give details, but U.S. officials who asked not to be identified said Washington was talking to Westem allies such as Britain and France on providing minesweeping vessels, of which the U.S. navy has only three.

They said it was likely the Pentagon would send three minesweeping helicopters to the region, but that would be a shortterm solution. A broader, more integrated

operation including allied and friendly minesweeping ships would provide a longer term remedy to the problem of keeping Gulf oil flowing to the Gulf, the officials said.

Security Council ordered a ceasefire in the Gulf war. Iraq has accepted the Security Council order on condition Iran

The officials said Kuwait and does. Tehran has criticised the move but has not formally reother Gulf states were discussing iccted it. the purchase of such vessels from the Netherlands and that the op-eration could include two ships

The officials said their concerns over a resumption of the war at sea, in which Iran says it only retaliates for Iraqi strikes, stemmed from a lack of assurances of a continued suspension in a meeting on Monday between Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz and U.S. Secretary of State George

The only commitment they striking a deal to limit long-range made was to help the (U.N.) arms to 6,000 warheads each dur-Secretary General (Javier Perez ing an Iceland summit last Octode Cuellar) implement the resoluber. The talks collapsed in a tion. That was the basic message," one said. draft strategic arms treaty on May 8. Mr. Obukhov said the new

U.S. officials say they are not sure which side planted the mine that hit the Bridgeton, but Penta-gon spokesman Bob Sims said it appeared to have been sown shortly before the supertanker passed near an Iranian-controlled island.

### High seas hamper Gulf mine-clearing operations

#### (Continued from page 1)

Sources quoted by Reuter said the bad weather could delay the return trip out of the Gulf by the Bridgeton and the Gas Prince, due to finish loading 40,000 ton-nes of propane and butane for Japan on Wednesday. They had previously been expected to sail on Friday with three U.S. warships now off Bahrain.

Some shipping experts ques-tioned whether the Bridgeton was seaworthy. The blast holed one cargo tank and cracked three others. Only one, the forward ballast tank, has been temporarily repaired.

With all the nitpicking by the American coast guard prior to the reflagging operation I find it very surprising that, for political considerations, they are now pre-pared to bend the rules like hell,"

said one. But other experts said the giant ship, which is 366 metres long,

was big enough to absorb the their four minesweeping ships shock and slow speed. They said careful distribution of the load area, three since Monday. Another official, reached Tues-

lodged for several days against an

oil platform in the offshore Abu Safah field shared by Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, sources quoted by Reuter said. The mine was a different type to the one that holed the Bridge-

Shipping sources said the tankmines once it was deared. "No

### to attend televised seminars on education

**Crown Prince** 

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan will attend televised seminars to discuss reports submitted by technical committees that are preparing for a national educational conference to be held before the opening of schools for the coming 1987-88 scholastic year, Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi

said Wednesday.
He said members of the Council of Higher Education and teams currently gathering data and information on education will openly debate the need for educational reform.

ing reports and preparing the groundwork for the national conference.

A total of 31 committees on education grouping 300 specialists are involved in the process of gathering data and channelling their reports to a supervisory

The committees are expected to complete their work early next week, according to Ministry of Education sources. Mr. Hindawi stressed that the

conference's recommendations and resolutions will serve as guidelines for the country's educational strategy into the next

### Man shoots sister to death then turns self in to police

sister, aged 22 for what he 10 p.m. Monday.

claimed was an action taken in defence of the family's honour. Ra'i said that the man, identified police who are conducting an

AMMAN (J.T.) — A 25-year-old by shooting her several times with man from Shafa Badran district, a handgun while she stood on the northwest of Amman, killed his Amman-Zarqa highway at about

The murderer turned himself in A report in the Arabic daily Al and handed the handgun to the only as H.F.H., killed his sister investigation, the paper said.

### Two drown in cesspool

drowned Monday when they fell into a cesspool in Jweideh, south of Amman, according to the Arabic daily Al Ra'i.

Imad Hussein Taha and Yasser Jamil Al Rawashdeh had been standing on a truck used to re- cesspool.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Two workers move sewage from the cesspool when they lost their balance and fell in, the paper reported. Civil defence personnel rushed

to the scene, but were unable to rescue the men. The two bodies were eventually pulled from the

# The minister was speaking during a visit to one of the centres where educational teams are sorting reports and market and speaking during reports and speaking during repo Univ. of Jordan, Yarmouk

University for the 1987-1988 academic year, according to sources at the universities.

All applications are being channelled through post offices throughout the Kingdom. The last date for submitting enrollment applications is Aug. 3, 1987, according to the sources.

Last year, the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University each admitted 3,000 students. This year, the former is expected to do the same while the latter is expected to admit 2,000. The

AMMAN (J.T.) — Nearly 13,000 students have applied to the University of Jordan and Yarmouk to accept up to 2,000, according to the same sources.

Mu'ta University announced it will admit 700 students, of which 300 will enroll in the civilian wing and 400 will enroll in the military

According to the results of the tawjihi examinations this year, 98 students passed with 95 per cent average and above compared with 39 students in 1986. This indicates the universities will this year accept students with higher grades than those of last year to the various faculties.



PRINCESS TAGHRID PATRONISES general" and president of its board of trustees GRADUATION: Her Royal Highness Princess thanked Princess Taghrid for patronising the graduation ceremony and reviewed the centre's activiceremony of the 19th batch of students of the Wasifieh Vocational Centre which took place at the tributed certificates to the 187 female graduates and Palace of Culture at Al Hussein Sports City. Dr. prizes to the excelling students. Monseigneur Ra'ouf Najjar, the centre's director

### Special Olympics team heads for U.S.

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation release issued by Nazik Al Har-from the Jordanian Sports Fed-ini's Special Education Centre, from the Jordanian Sports Federation for the Handicapped the Olympics are to start July 31 (JSFH) left for the United States and be held at Notterdam Uni-Wednesday to participate in the International Special Olympics The delegation is

for the Mentally Handicapped. According to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, the Special Olympics are to begin on August 2 in Chicago. But, according to press

Soviets link

to ban in space

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Mr. Reagan and Soviet leader

Mikhail Gorbachev came close to

dispute over space weapons.

U.S. negotiators presented a

Soviet proposals would streng-

then the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Mis-

sile (ABM) treaty, which bans

Documents presented on

Wednesday included protocols and common understandings for

a full-fledged treaty, he said, adding that more details would be

Mr. Reagan has strongly back-

ed missile defence systems. He

launched his multi-billion-dollar

strategic defence initiative (SDI) in March 1983, which Washing-

ton says aims at researching land

and space-based defences to

make attacking missiles "impo-tent and obsolete."

He has rejected any comprom-

ise which would jeopardise SDI

given in coming weeks.

deployment of anti-missile de-

fence systems.

missile cut

The delegation is the first Arab team to take part in the Special Olympics for the Mentally Handicapped. The event will involve 4,500 participants from 72 counThe delegation is headed by Dr. Yaser Salem, a member of the JSFH and Nazik Al Harriri. director general of the Special Education Centre.

Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, president of the JSFH, will represent His Majesty King Hussein at the opening cere

### Cabinet approves agreement between Jordan and Bulgaria

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet, during an ordinary session held Wednesday, authorised in mid-August.

In addition, the Cabinet agreed Planning Ministry Secretary Dr. Ziyad Fariz to sign a draft for cultural cooperation between Jordan and Bulgaria for the years 1987-1989.

The Cabinet also approved Jordan's participation in the 57th conference for liaison offices of regional Arab offices for boycot- Arabia

In addition, the Cabinet agreed

on Jordan's participation in the meetings of the Arab Postal Un-

ion executive bureau which will be held in Dubai. The Cabinet also agreed on

sending 29 Jordanian teachers to Oman and 8 teachers to Saudi



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SYRIAN SAGE: Syrian satirist, Duraid Lahham, better known as "Gawar," gestares emphatically to make a point in his play "Shaqaik Al Nu'man" (red anemones) at the South Theatre Thesitay right. Sparing few from his political barbs, Mr. Lahham will enutione his performances at 9:00 p.m. tonight and Friday alght, the final day of the Jerash Festival (Photo by Yousef Al Allan)

Тапига.

### France orders force to Mideast

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The French warships currently in the region are the Marne and the Protet, along with the com-mand ship Victor Schoelcher. The French anti-submarine Corvette Georges-Leygues, company with Exocet and Cro-tale missiles, was to join the three warships sometime this week. According to reports from

Bahrain, French warships have

started selective escorts of Freuch

commercial vessels in the Gulf. Marine executives quoted by AP said Tuesday that a French navy unit last week shepherded the 276,221-tonne oil tanker Athos through the Gulf to the Saudi Arabian oil terminal of Ras

Shipping agents along the Gulf said the two-way escort of the Athos was the first of its kind by a French warship in the region.

was too early to say how many

mines might have been strewn in

the area near Farsi Island because

additional work was required to

confirm the underwater contacts.

Saudis — apparently using one of

One source, however, said the

would minimise stress on the hull. is due to enter dry dock in either Bahrain or Dubai for repairs.

Saudi Arabia had told the U.S. navy that more mines were moored in the section of the Gulf where the Bridgeton was struck, and some of them already had been recovered.

day evening, said "several" of the After unloading, the Bridgeton

The sources said the U.S. navy had warned commercial shipping Farsi, divers on Tuesday detonto stay clear of the channel past Farsi, the best in the northern Gulf for deep-draft tankers. Earlier, Pentagon officials said

tethered to the bottom and submerged six metres below the sur-The officials, who spoke to AP on condition of anonymity, said it

er route would need constant surveillance to keep it free of sooner than they're cleared than a couple of boats could put new mines down," said one source.

# had located seven mines in the

mines had actually been recovered by the Saudis. About 100 kilometres south of ated a floating mine which had

work, saying the so-called "Star Wars" scheme could serve all mankind and would not be bargained away at the superpower ton, which U.S. experts say was The superpowers began open-

ended, make-or-break talks on INF missiles on April 23. They have agreed to remove and destrov all their INF ground-launched rockets, which can hit targets from 500 to 5,000 kilometres away. They have some 2,500 nuclear warheads on such

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### Undeniable repression

THAT torture is a routine accompaniment to the interrogation of political prisoners in the occupied territories has long been an open secret in Israel. The Israeli anthorities of course have denied and continue to deny it, in the face of evidence submitted by Amnestv International and by lawyers, journalists and human rights activists in Europe, the United States, and not least in Israel itself. But these denials have become harder than ever to sustain in the light of two recent cases which aroused bitter controversy inside Israel because they exposed the working methods of the Shin Bet, the Israeli internal security service which is responsible for the interrogation of political prisoners — and even more so because in both cases it was demonstrated that there had been a conspiracy to cover up the facts and the miscarriage of justice which had resulted.

The first case arose out of the murder of two Palestinians who had been captured after hijacking a bus and who were beaten to death by officers of the Shin Bet who then succeeded in putting the blame on a senior Israeli army officer. It was only after a group of disastistied Shin Bet officers had revealed the true story that the facts were established. To avoid further embarrassing revelations, the president of Israel then took the controversial step of giving a free pardon to all those

The more recent case was if anything even more damaging to the reputation of the Shin Bet because no Palestinians were involved, while the Shin Bet's victim was again an officer in the Israeli army. Captain Izat Naftso had been convicted of treason in 1980 by a military court and had served nearly seven years of an 18 year sentence. He had always protested his innocence, claiming that the confession which had led to his conviction had been extracted from him under pressure by the Shin Bet. Earlier this year, taking advantage of an amendment to the law governing appeals, his lawyer succeeded in lodging an appeal with the Israeli supreme court. After re-examining the case, and influenced no doubt by the behaviour of the Shin Bet in the earlier case, the court ruled that Naffso's confession had been "illegally obtained" and ordered his release. In giving judgement, the court severely criticised the Shin Bet, empha ing the "urgency and importance" of holding a thorough investigation into its interrogation methods.

Every Palestinian arrested in the occupied territories for any offence is handed over to the Shin Bet for interrogation. What happens then? Uri Avineri, editor of the Israeli weekly Haolam Hazeh, wrote last month that "we have reported dozens of cases in which defendants who have been beaten and injured appeared before judges; but the judges closed their eyes." Were they really maware how the defendants' confessions eyes." Were they really maware how the defendants' confessions and been obtained, he asked, and "did not the silence of the judges give the Shin Bet interrogators the impression that they approved of their methods and so encourage them to intensify their practices?" Lea Tsemel, an Israeli lawyer who has spent most of the last 15 years defending Palestinian prisoners in maltreated under detention; in fact people don't expect anything else' — and she adds that "interrogation methods have become much more severe since Rabin became defence minister" (with responsibility for the occupied territories). There is no such thing as a "moral occupation, says Ms. Tsemel, and "once people interrogate others in a situation of occupation — under a different system of laws and under different conditions - people will behave in a violent way... and in a situation where you don't have massive public opposition to such

practices, it will go on and on."

There is opposition within Israel to the occupation and to the cruelly repressive methods by which it is maintained. It springs largely from an awareness among thoughtful Israelis of the harm that 20 years of occupation and domination have done to the fabric of their own society. Relatively few Israelis think of the Palestinians on equal terms with themselves. It is those few whom the outside world should support and encourage, not the politicians who depend on instruments like the Shin Bet to maintain Israel's supremacy - Middle East

#### **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

Al Ra'i: Welcome back

WE welcome back our monarch, returning from yet another round of efforts designed to enhance the Arab stand in Europe and to gain further support for the Arab cause. We appreciate the King's talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher which covered endeavours for convening an international Middle East peace conference, ending the Gulf conflict and bolstering British-Jordanian relations and cooperation. King Hussein's moves in the European arena are no doubt contributing towards enhancing the Arab Nation's stand on the international scene; and for this reason, the Jordanian family stands behind its leader, supporting his serious endeavours for peace and his defence of the Arab Nation's interests. The Jordanian family, united behind its leader, renews its allegiance to the King and a pledge to make Jordan more prosperous, enjoying security and stability and marching towards a brighter future.

#### Al Dustour: King continues peace efforts

KING Hussein has returned home at the end of a visit to Britain where he held another round of talks with British officials on peace efforts. The visit which was part of the ongoing efforts spearheaded by Jordan towards enlisting the Western world's support for the Arab just cause has no doubt contributed towards enhancing the Arab stand. The Europeans, convinced by the King's views about the situation in the Middle East are now more inclined to support the Arab views in this question, thanks to the King's relentless efforts. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher showed such tendency while on a brief visit to Washington where she urged President Reagan to support efforts aimed at convening an international conference that would bring about a permanent peace to the Middle East. Mrs. Thatcher stated that efforts will continue for holding the international conference in which all concerned parties will have to participate along with the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

Sawt Al Shaab: U.S. nuclear-arms Israel

ISRAEL is fully exploiting its strategic alliance treaty with the United States by strengthening its political, military and logistic stands at all levels. On the military front Israel has acquired more than its needs of conventional weapons and nuclear arms. The latest weapon provided to the Israeli arsenal by the U.S. expertise and capital is the Jericho II rocket which is now causing a world-wide controversy. On the political front Israel has benefited from America's support and assistance and maintained its intransigent policies and adamant position with regard to the establishment of a permanent peace in the Middle East. Israel depends on Washington's biased attitude towards the Jewish state and continues to reject the idea of an international conference to achieve the aspired peace. On the logistic level. Israel has declared its possession of a long range missile capable of reaching Soviet territory.

# Israel threatens Al Haram Al Sharif; Palestinian women stand for its defence

By Grace Halsell

RATHER than destroy Al Haram Al Sharif, the noble sanctuary of Jerusalem, with one blast of dynamite (which could demolish the Western Wall, where Jews pray), the Israelis are moving in a more subtle way. As they have been confiscating West Bank land since 1967 dunum by dunum, they are now confiscating the Old Walled City of Jerusalem house by house.

With a member of a Palestinian family whose roots in Jerusalem go back about a thousand years, I visited many of the residents of the Old City who live adjacent to Al Haram Al Sharif, site of the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa, shrines holy to all Muslims around the world. One woman we visit wants me to take her name -Nawal Abu Asab — and wants the world to know that she is attempting to defend Al Haram Al Sharif and that she and others living near the shrine are alone, vulnerable and in need of help. Nawal is 42, and a mother of 12 children. As she talks, her eyes shine with a zest for life, even with its hardships. Her apartment is clean and simple, with one sofa, a chest of drawers and a rug. She serves tea and sweet biscuits. At night, when her husband and 12 children are sleeping, she has time to think her thoughts: "I wrote my impressions of the Israeli treatment of Palestinians — and their plan to take the mosque. I think I wrote it well."

One night, Nawal was at home when she heard cries that Al Aqsa was on fire. "Without thinking, I forgot that I had children, I forgot that I had a husband, I left my house. I ran to the mosque. I didn't think of myself. I was trying to pull out carpets so they didn't catch fire". This was when an arsonist set fire to Al Aqsa, extensively damaging the mosque and destroying many cherished and irre-placeable relics. The man whom the Israelis claimed was the lone perpetrator of the crime was later declared "insane" and sent back to his country of origin. In all such attacks on holy shrines, the Israeli authorities have tended to dismiss each suspect as part of a "fringe element" or a "crazed" individual — "not to be taken

Since 1967, the year the Israelis seized military control of Jerusalem, Jewish nationalists, many of them armed Israeli rabbis, officers, soldiers and religious students, have on more than 100 occasions stormed the grounds of the Muslim shrine. A former crief chaplain of the armed forces, Shlomo Goren (who later became Israeli's chief rabbi), was one of the first to lead an assault on Al Haram Al Sharif, in August 1967. In almost all of the armed assaults, religious Israeli youths have been led by militant rabbis. "We should not forget," said Rabbi Shlomo Chaim Hacohen Aviner "that the supreme purpose of the ingathering of the exiles and the establishment of our state is the building of the temple. The temple is the very top of the pyramid." The Jewish militants who have attempted to sabotage the mosque during the past 20 years have never been condemned by the chief Sephardi and Ashkenazi

Nawal was again in the mosque praying on 11 April 1982. This was the day that Alan Harry Goodman, an American, became possessed with a "crazy idea" to "shoot it out" at Al Aqsa Mosque. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, he moved to Israel where he served in the army before walking into the holy shrine on his mission. Firing an army-issue M-16 rifle, he killed two people and wounded four others. He claimed he wanted to "liberate" the area. When Palestinans protested Israeli police shot and killed 11 of them. Both the American and Israeli governments played down the incident. "I know the shots came from four corners," Nawal relates, "so this could not have been the act of one crazy man. I thought about this and I realised this must be a bigger plot. The day when they come to storm the mosque is not far away. They are going to do it. And who will protect the mosque? They always claim that this quarter is theirs, that they will get it. They are a determined people. They are smart: they operate with long range plans; they want all these houses and if they cannot get them by peaceful means, they will terrorise the residents.

"What happened is part of an ongoing harassment," said Muhib, another Old City resident. He told me that militant Jewish settlers who have moved nearby had broken water pipes in his home so that there was a continual dripping of water onto his household furnishings. The settlers "also throw stones and toss fire bombs into our homes... The Israelis install former criminals to overlook our families and these religious zealots throw stones constantly. Many of our shop owners don't open their stores, for fear of the Jewish terrorists who roam the streets. Palestinians are restricted in building new housing projects, but there is one new Palestinian housing project. I think the Israelis may have agreed to this project as part of their plan to evict families from the Old City. The Israelis give money to the Palestinians in the Old City to move to this new housing unit. The Palestinian who built this housing project comes from a highly respected family. He undoubtedly did not know that he might be part of the plan to get Palestinians to move from the Old Walled City, but the Israelis are using him for their purposes."

Another woman told me that once she had dreamed of leaving the Old City. "It was my dream to get a plot of ground where my children could play, and where I could grow vegetables. But now, she said - looking at the house where the Jewish settlers lived - "I am determined to stay" - Middle East International, London.

# The nightmare economy

By Julie Flint

The following article is reprinted

THE LEBANESE economy, says an economist whose sense of silent than his subject, is heading where no human eye has ever set

The Goons, whose phrase that was, were talking about Shangrila. The economist was talking about a "nightmare": "For the first time in living memory," he says, "the Lebanese are becoming paupers. They must adjust — from a reckless kind of prosperity based on hit-and-run economic tactics to hard work in the context of a modern industrial economy - or die.'

On paper, Lebanon is now one of the poorest countries in the world. The dollar appreciated 380 per cent against the Lebanese pound last year and 110 per cent in the first half of this year truly vital statistics in a country that imports 85 per cent of its needs. Inflation is well into three digits and rising more than the pound is falling. Industry, which survived the initial conflagration of 1975-76, is now working at

only 25 per cent of capacity. The interest on the huge public deficit exceeds total government in-

More important, with the end of war apparently as far away as ever, confidence in the economy humour is considerably more re- at home and abroad has finally

> Lebanon's poor are now dirt poor — unable to go to the dentist, to buy meat, milk or medicine. The minimum wage, although hiked 40 per cent already this year, is only enough for a married man with no children to buy a daily newspaper, a sandwich and a cold drink. If he has no access to parallel economy drugs, weapons, charitable institutions — there is nothing left

over for housing, clothing, health or utilities. Trade unionists estimate that a sixfold increase in the minimum wage — currently about \$25 — would just enable a family of four to meet its minimum needs. Small wonder, then, that west Beirut's Islamic orphanage has taken in 17 abandoned babies in less than three months, compared with one a month in more normal times. The middle classes, who have

always looked to the West for their values, are witnessing a dramatic reorientation in their

lives. Western culture and Western clothes are now out of reach for most. "Made in Lebanon" is the boom industry — in the admitted absence of boom — but is, for the moment, an adjustment for which many are not ready.

The streets of Beirut look more and more like those of a Third World capital. Thousands of Asian women who came to Lebanon in the good old days for the sole purpose of sending money to their families can now barely support themselves, far less send money home or get there them-

After the pound lost more than 14 per cent of its value in a single week earlier this month, Lebanese leaders made one of their periodic stabs at stopping the drop. The prime minister, a Muslim, met the finance minister, a Christian, for the first time in many months and the pound plummeted again. "The government in Lebanon

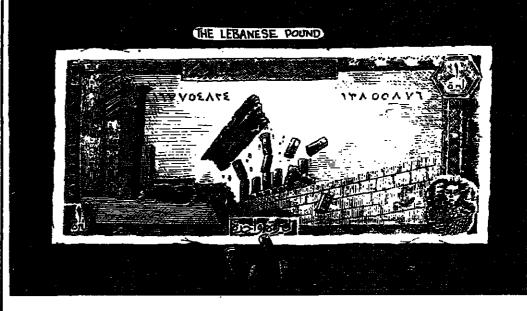
is unable to do anything about anything except talk," says the economist. "Meetings — a lot of hot air under the bridge - only make things worse."

In the blackness, there are small patches of light. These have

By Karin Laub

The Associated Press

the Israeli military occupation.



nothing to do with Lebanon's much-vaunted gold reserves, which cannot be frittered away in time of instability, or with the calls by laissez-faire advocates for the abolition of customs duties. As a former minister puts it: "We have to decide if we are running a state - or a boutique." If there is any glimmer of hope, it is, for example, that imports of industrial machinery rose 200 per cent

The Lebanese are slowly adjusting to the fact that they can produce more, and export it. In the short term, economists

predict further decline - aggravated by the sheer mayhem in-volved in electing a new president next year. In the middle term, they expect an increase in trade union militancy that will cut across sectarian lines and perhaps suggest one way in which society can be overhauled and rebuilt. In

the long term, many believe the question is not the survival of the economy - but of the country

It is a question of special concern to those who inquire not about the price of dollars, but daily bread. There is a sticker in the window of one of the secondhand shops that are increasingly common in Beirut. "Will the last person to leave the country, kindly switch off the light?"

# Black 'people's court' under the spotlight in South Africa

By Rich Mkbondo

SOSHANGUVE, South Africa - Humphrey Mkhize considers himself lucky to have escaped the "necklace.

One night in May last year a group of "comrades" — as South Africa's militant township youths are known — seized him from his parents' home in this Pretoria township and took him to a school where they held a "court hearing'

This story was written under South Africa's state of emergency which imposes severe reporting restrictions

The scene was typical of similar unofficial courts set up in South Africa's black communities, where radicals, scornful of the white judicial system, dispensed township justice. Mkhize was accused of stealing

alcohol, burning tyres belonging to the comrades and of murder. He was tied to a pole and given 400 lashes by six comrades.

The comrades told him he was lucky not to be sentenced to death by necklace, where the victim's hands and feet are bound, a petrol-filled tyre placed around the neck and set on fire.

Violating unwritten township laws. Mkhize went to the police, identified his attackers and had them arrested and charged. His case against six men is being heard in Pretoria.

It is one of scores of trials in South Africa which have put alternative township structures like "people's courts" and "street committees" under the spotlight. Street committees containing

representatives from each house meet to discuss township affairs, ignoring black town councils set up by Pretoria.

Both bodies took root during the political turmoil that began sweeping townships in 1984 when young radicals clashed daily with security forces.

The government sees both institutions as part of a revolutionary strategy inspired by the exiled and banned African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla group to overthrow the white author-

Pretoria has taken tough steps to stifle them under a 13-monthold national state of emergency. It effectively outlawed street committees and people's courts, which it labels "kangaroo courts," and detained many of their members.

In some areas the institutions have lost influence since the clampdown and in others they have been driven underground. One of South Africa's biggest recent treason trials, at Delmas in the eastern Transvaal, has fo-

cused on the emergence of street committees in townships south of Johannesburg where nationwide political unrest erupted in ptember 1984.

Judge Kwem van Dijkhorst last month denied bail to three officials of the anti-apartheid United Democratic Front, citing their involvement in people's courts.
In another case, 30 people aged

between 14 and 34 face charges of whipping and necklacing people found guilty by people's courts.

At the height of the township revolt, residents stopped reporting complaints to the police and took them to the people's courts

and street committees instead. Not everybody was happy with township justice. Many older men resented the fact that they were being judged by young comrades for crimes such as adultery. Critics say people's courts are often violent informal street

trials, marked by disorderly behaviour and ruled by unscrupulous judges. A member of a street committee in Soweto denied the courts were places where young com-

rades planned attacks against collaborators with the white authorities and where self-oriented judges sentenced people to In Soweto, outside Johannes-

> played a key role in organising a rent boycott to back demands for the release of political prisoners and the lifting of emergency rule. This month, representatives from Soweto street committees met town clerk Nico Malan to discuss the rent boycott.

> burg, street committees have

Student elections pit fundamentalists against PLO

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank - Palestinian nationalists on Monday narrowly defeated Muslim fundamentalists in student council elections at An Najah, the largest West Bank university and a centre of resistance against

The nationalist factions loyal to military authorities. the Palestine Liberation Organisation have controlled the council for nine of the past 10 years, but the Islamic bloc has steadily gained support. Such elections are a rare opportunity to measure political

trends in the West Bank where municipal elections have been banned since 1975 when Palestinians elected pro-PLO mayors. After the poils closed at An Najah on Monday, supporters of the two camps rallied in opposite corners of the university courtyard, clapping and chanting poli-

tical slogans.
"Nothing will stand in our way.
God bless those who are steadfast," shouted hundreds of members of the PLO youth grop Shabiba, who gathered around posters of PLO chairman Yasser their frustration with the occupa-

last month, inflation-adjusted.

Many had pinned to their shirts colour snapshots of Arafat and Palestinian fighters at target practice. Others wore black-andwhite checkered scarves, a symbol of Palestinian nationalism, around their heads, wrists or necks. PLO insignias and Palestinian flags are outlawed by Israeli

In the other corner, Muslim fundamentalists prayed on mats spread on the stone floor. Dozens of women, dressed in traditional long dark overcoats and white veils despite the 35C heat, clapped to the beat of drums.

"The elections are very important," said Maher Mettat, 23. candidate for Shabiba, which is linked to Arafat's mainstream Fatch faction. "We prove to the world that we have maintained our identity and our deep belief in democracy, even under occupation."

But a university employee who would only give her name as Mona said the election was mainthe students) are letting off steam. It's their way of expressing by the student box Five groups consteam.

tion," she said. Like other West Bank universi-

ties, An Najah is a centre of opposition to the Israeli military occupation which began in 1967. On Monday, no Israeli soldiers were visible near the campus, located on a hilltop near the city of Nablus, about 55 kilometres north of Jerusalem.

But university spokesman Abdullatif Aqil said the army has stepped up actions against the university in the past year. He said between Oct. 15, 1986

and May 15 of this year, the Israeli army ordered An Najah closed for a total of 105 days, repeatedly set up roadblocks and conducted searches on campus. Nine male students serving on

the previous council were detained without trial for periods of up to six months during the past year and two female council members were barred from leaving their village, he said.
"The more pressure the Israelis

put on a particular group, the more it is going to be supported by the student body," said Aqil. Five groups competed in the According to preliminary results, about 2,600 students participated and the 11 Shabiba candidates won by an average margin of 200 votes. The university has 4.000 students and 3.600 of them were eligible to

In the last election, Shabiba won 55 per cent, the Islamic bloc 42 per cent and three smaller PLO groups shared the rest. Among them were the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the pro-Moscow Demo-

cratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The four PLO groups had tried to form a coalition to ward off the threat from the fundamentalists, but could not agree on how many seats should be awarded to each

faction. Since An Najah won university status in 1977 and held its first council elections, the Islamic bloc

has steadily gained influence. "We began in the university with two people praying in this corridor." Khaled Ka'bi, 21, a candidate for the Islamic bloc, said before the vote. "Now we have more than 1,000 suppor-

### China's old men prepare seaside last stand

By Stephen Nisbet

BEIDAIHE, China — China's top old men are gathering at their seaside villas to prepare the last big battle some of them may fight in defence of the revolution.

The Octogenarians who have dominated China's Communist Party since before the 1949 revolution are under increasing pressure to hand power to a younger generation they do not fully trust.

The world will have to wait until a party congress in October to know how successful the advocates of change have been in rejuvenating the leadership.

The five-yearly conference is the top political event of the calendar, but fewer decisions may be made there than in informal parleys in the coming weeks in the villas among the pine trees near the shores of the Bohai Gulf in eastern China.

"Beidaihe is where the realcongress is, Peking is just\_protocol," said one Eastern European diplomat.

The Chinese do not announce

the start of the leaders' summer ing what they grow and keep exodus to what one writer, noting most of the money they get when Beidaihe's turn-of-the-century British architecture, called "a strange hybrid world, part revolutionary China and part Victorian

"We really don't know what goes on in Beidaihe, who comes here or where they stay," said a Western diplomat lounging on the foreigners' beach. "But the leaders are sure to

have a lot to talk about this summer to prepare for the con-The personnel changes to be

linked to the future of China's trailblazing programme of economic and politicl reforms. As China struggles to propel its one billion people out of backwardness by the end of this century, the government has ex-perimented with many unortho-

decided this year are inextricably

enterprise to the cause of building Socialism. The greatest changes in the 11 years since Mao Tsetung died have been on the land, where

dox notions to harness individual mid-1930s.

peasants have more say in decid-

they sell it.

New housing and private factories have mushroomed in many rural areas as peasants have become more prosperous.

Similarly far-reaching reform in the cities has been a trickier matter.

Schemes to boost efficiency in state enterprises by rewarding good workers and penalising bad ones arouse opposition from Communist Party officials ousted from local prominence by dynamic new managers.

In one evening in Peking, it is possible to hear a government official boast of stays in \$400-anight hotels in Italy, then see hundreds of people reeking of dirt asleep on the pavements outside the main railway station.

All this is a bit much to swallow for the more conservative among veteran politicians, whose experience goes back to the shared hardships of the long march in the

Deng Xiaoping, the 82-year-old political supremo who has

turned many a Maoist notion on its head, argues that some must get rich more quickly than others to show the way ahead.

He has said that the reforms he deems vital for the party's and the country's survival cannot be achieved "if old and sick people stand in the way of young. energetic and competent

Diplomats said the people Deng most wants to stand aside probably include old revolutionaries like President Li Xiannian, fellow politburo standing committee member Chen Yun and Peng Zhen, who is the top figure in the National People's Congress (parliament).

One 79-year-old veteran, Bo Yibo, apparently at Deng's behest, has called publicly for other old men to retire and make way for fresh talent.

Strong suggestions by Deng that he will stand down from at least one of his own official posts in October make some diplomats think this is part of a bargain designed to persuade the other old men to retire.

By Joy Aschenbach National Geographic

WASHINGTON - You are gives a blank piece of paper and asked to draw a map of the world from memory. You are told to label all the countries and include my other features of interest or importance. Time limit: 30 minutes. How would you do?

The 4,277 first-year college students in 54 countries who were assigned this task by geographer Thomas F. Saarmen of the University of Arizona averaged about 30 countries per map — fewer than one fifth of the independent countries in the world.

Saarinen, who personally administered the classroom test in 30 of the countries surveyed last year, says he would give the maps a worldwide grade of "fair." Most students managed to draw and some all seven continents and the major countries, but lacked specific knowledge about the rest of the world.

The 640 U.S. students who were tested ranked with the world average in numbers of countries labeled, he says, but made more mistakes in placing the countries on the map. The more than 4,000 maps from every continent except Antarctica represent the largest collection of world sketch maps ever assembled, Saarinen says, and will form an archive of computerised information about mental images of the world.

Before we can have a shared world image," he says, "we have to understand what images are at present, and why." The college mapping project was sponsored by the International Geographic-al Union and financed by the

National Geographic Society. Saarinen selected a cultural cross section of students enrolled in introductory geography courses, because they already had completed their countries' basic educational process and were inthey don't know how to draw a detail, and places farther away map of the world," he reasons, sketched as "vague blobs with map of the world," he reasons, "who does?"

What was totally unforeseen, Saarinen says, was "the perceived importance of Europe everywhere. It has to be part of the colonial legacy, at least in the educational system. I thought there'd be a home-continent bias, with it pictured biggest, but more important was the exaggerated size of Europe.

"Our mental images," he observes, "don't seem to have caught up with the reality of a world of free and independent

Eighty per cent of the students placed Europe in the centre of their worlds. This positioning, with the Americas on the left and Asia on the right, has been the most commonly used world-map projection since the discovery of the New World.

Even in countries such as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sandi Arabia, virtually all students drew "eurocentric" maps, whereas "sinocentric" maps would put Asia in the middle. Most students in Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the Philippines also centred Europe, although that put their own coun-

tries on the map's edge.
Lingering colonial influence
was further evident, Saarinen says, in that small European countries such as Great Britain showed up on most maps, and maps from faraway places such as New Zealand contained detailed information about the mother

Saarinen says that, with the exception of certain European countries, the nations most often included were those of continental dimension such as the Soviet Union, Canada, China, the United States, Brazil, India, and the continent-country, Australia.

Distance, he assumed, would

terested enough in geography to be a factor in map-making: Countake a college course in it. "If tries closest to home drawn in lots of blanks." But, he found, in several cases such as New Zealand there were other criteria language, cultural and political ties — that made distant places

better-known. In contrast to the exaggerated size of Europe, Africa was generally sketched smaller than it should have been, with lots of blank space where countries should be - reflecting a general lack of awareness of the Third

When Saarinen entered a classtoom with instructions to "draw the world," he says, "at first there was a gasp or a groan. But then the students would get interested, drawn right in. They'd become engrossed

The countries Saarinen did not reach were either visited by his research assistant Charles Mac-Cabe, a geography doctoral stu-dent who focused on Latin America, or were contacted by mail, with local college teachers administering the test.

Among the diversity of maps and map information, Saarinen

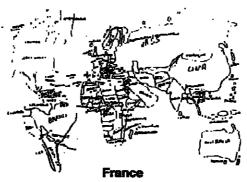
— Several maps from Australia turned the world upside down. Most Australian students sketched sinocentric maps, which centered Australia as well as Asia. Some also made the switch from "down-under" to "up-over" maps. One one, a student wrote: "Remember, Australia is on the top of the world, not the U.S.A., and especially not Russia."

Postage-stamp countries were most often left off maps, especially such countries in Central America, West Africa, Southeast Asia, and Europe's Balkan Peninsula.

- Hungarian maps, the product of an educational system that stresses learning all the countries of the world, were among

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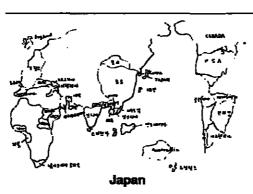
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Australia



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43 Philippines

C 1987 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIET What do you do with 4,277 sketch maps when all the information they contain is finally fed into a computer and analyzed? Saarinen says he hopes to publish the most representative ones as "an atlas of world images."

# New Israeli road safety drive urges prayers, air-conditioners

By Galina Vromen

TEL AVIV - Notorious for handling their cars like tanks on a battlefield, Israeli drivers are the target of a new campaign to reduce road accidents that cost more Israeli liyes than war. When temperatures and the

accident rate soared this month. the government announced plans to make air-conditioning compulsory in all cars within three years to help Israelis keep their cool at

The carnage on the roads led to an emergency parliamentary de-bate in which ultra-orthodox parliamentarian Rabbi Avraham Shapiro blamed pornography. "Can anyone who sees such pictures drive afterwards?" he asked. Shapiro suggested a

national day of fasting and prayer to beseech the almighty to stop traffic accidents.

He was not the first religious leader to blame blasphemy for death on the roads. When a bus carrying schoolchildren collided with a train in 1985, killing 21 people, then interior minister the sabbath, when orthodox Jews do not drive.

ninisterial committee to suggest within 30 days.

To spur the campaign, judge Dov Levin, best known as head of the Jerusalem court trying accused Nazi John Demjanjuk, has appeared in television advertisements against careless driving.

But road safety experts say the only way to lower accident rates is to spend more money to improve roads, educate drivers better and cut taxes on spare parts to make it more economical for Israelis to maintain their cars

Israel spends \$1,000 per capi-Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz attributed ta on defence a year, compared to the disaster to the desecration of \$15 per capita for road safety, even though more deaths are caused on the road than in war. Israel's cabinet has instructed a said Moshe Becker, a senior researcher at Israel's Road Safety Centre and consultant to partiament's sub-committee on high-

Since the establishment of the Jewish state in 1948, some 14,000 Israelis have died in five wars and resistance attacks while over 15,000 have been killed in traffic

Some 650 Israeli soldiers died during Israel's three-year occupation of Lebanon from 1982 to 1985, but more than twice that number died in the same period on the roads. Traffic fatalities increased from

An extremely ethnocentric

map, drawn in the Philippines, prominently outlined the island

nation and left the rest of the

387 in 1985 to 415 in 1986 and are ected to reach 450 by the end of 1987 unless road safety im-

If we had a similar rise in the number of deaths from guerrilla attacks, it would cause a political

Although they are quick-tempered, impatient and careless on the road. Israelis are far from being the world's worst drivers and their record has improved in the last decade, Becker say.

Drunken driving, once practically unknown in Israel, is slightly on the rise, but Israeli drivers still mostly crash into each other while perfectly sober.

the Philippines in the Caribbean

- A Spanish map made the

United States as big as the Soviet

Union and bigger than Canada, and moved New York to the

next to Cuba.

There are 3.2 fatalities in Israel for every 100 million km travelled. The figure is the same as for Italy, far lower than for Spain or Venezuela, but considerably higher than the 2.1 fatalities in Britain and the 1.9 deaths in the United States for every 100 million km travelled.

istaci is in a telatively good situation, but that is because we are in an early stage of motorisation," said Becker.

Israel has half as many cars per capita as Western Europe. As it acquires more cars the number of

Becker has proposed a five-year-plan to spend \$450 million to improve Israel's roads, but he wornes his suggestion will be ignored. "Nothing will happen until a minister is injured in a road accident," he said.

In fact, some already have been. When the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat made his flight to Israel in 1977, then Israeli defence minister Ezer Weizman hobbled with a cane to

covering from a traffic accident. And several years ago, actress

Elizabeth Taylor spent a visit in Israel in a neck brace after she suffered from a whipiash in a traffic accident with minister

# Randa Habib's

### Stop child abuse

THE relationship between parents and children is a very complex one. Parents, in our part of the world, tend to be too protective, but unfortunately the relationship at times goes to the other

Child abuse seems to exist in Jordan. News reports in the local papers show sadly that children are being too often mistreated. The authority of the parents does not mean that they have the right to harm their children, or to use "repression" against them. In order to educate their children, parents have sometimes to punish them, but punishment must not be physical. Depriving a child from his favourite TV show is much more effective than beating him or her. Anyhow, parents should not be allowed to harm their children, the law must act firmly against those who "torture" the

The case of the boy found by villagers with his legs chained, is monstrous. At the hospital where people more kind toward him than his own family took him, the doctors found traces of cigarette burns on his body.

The government must come down very bard on such parents and should enact laws and measures that deter any father or mother

### AIDS threatens epidemic in powderkeg of Asia

By Peter Bale

SYDNEY — AIDS threatens to panic the public. explode into an epidemic if it reaches the powderkeg of Asia, own precautions. home for over half the planet's

ing sex industry and high inci- thing amiss I make him use a dence of other sexually-transmit- condom," one Bangkok prostited diseases could light the spark, tute said. health authorities warn.

potential for a major catastrophe. untouched, though 47 people, I am really afraid of that," World mainly "hospitality girls" living Health Organisation (WHO) near U.S. military bases, have Mahler warned last month.

are really going to have a

the threat of Acquired Immune officials warn. Deficiency Syndrome.

billion people have been spared deaths and the number of AIDS an epidemic, but warn some cases doubling annually.

countries are incubating a grow- WHO official Ian Gust said countries are incubating a growing toll of infections.

cluding Australasia, had reported it was not likely to spread as only 151 of the 52,064 AIDS quickly as it had in the United cases known worldwide. The figures are the tip of an

That threat has led a number of countries to close their doors to AIDS carriers by blood-testing foreign residents and planning tough laws against people spread-

ing the virus. Tourists visiting South Korea
Australasia and the United States
for next year's Olympic games
and Europe, lower intravenous will have to carry certificates de- drug usage, and possibly genetic claring they are free of AIDS.

Seoul plans seven years' jail for anyone spreading AIDS, Taiwan plans two years' jail for the same offence and Hong Kong retains a never-imposed life sentence for

Foreigners intending to live in China must undergo AIDS tests before obtaining a residence permit. Thailand will deport AIDScarrying foreigners.

In India, where 86 people have contracted the disease and five died, 20,000 foreign students face

controversial compulsory blood Some countries have all but refused to acknowledge AIDS for

fear of frightening tourists. The disclosure last week that AIDS cases had tripled to about 100 this year in Thailand sparked alarm in a popular tourist destination known for its vigorous sex

But a Thai official, speaking before the figures were released said an education campaign might

Bangkok prostitutes take their One said: "I make the custom-

er shower then look him over Poor health services, a boom- closely — if I see or feel some-

The Philippine's busy prostitu-"I am afraid you have the tion business is reported virtually Director General Halfdan tested positive. Of 800 Filipino homosexuals tested for the dis-"If we allow AIDS to get into ease none was found AIDS-posithe powderkeg of Asia then we tive, health officials said.

In these and other countries. already-strained health services Health ministers and AIDS might be hard pressed to stop specialists from 27 Pacific region AIDS spreading beyond high-risk countries meet in Sydney this groups like prostitutes, homosexweek for a WHO symposium on uals and intravenous drug users,

Australia is the worst affected Experts concede that Asia's 2.8 country in the region with 290

late arrival of AIDS in Asia and By last month, Asia, not in-relatively early education meant States and Europe. "Even in countries where there

iceberg, as the disease can strike is a lot of sexual tourism the up to five years after infection. incidence has been low. Perhaps because of greater personal hygiene in prostitution," Gust

Low AIDS incidence in the region, outside Australasia, was due to greater tourism between

susceptability. In New Zealand and Australia condoms are advertised on television, but there is squeamishness - such messages in New Zealand cannot legally describe the pro-

"If you don't know anything about condoms they might as well be talking about earmuffs," said a health official.

Australia media warnings use morbid images of the grim reaper, the medieval image of death, while a rock group plays a condom-promotion song wryly entitied "Roll it on, Robbie.

In China, the world's most populous country, only three people have died from AIDS — a foreign tourist, a Chinese who returned from a long spell abroad, and a haemophiliac contaminated by imported blood.

In Australia, AIDS has brought crime and victimisation.

# Egyptian papers print almost anything

By Wolfgang Koydl

CAIRO (DPA) - Egypt's interior minister is personally involved in tortuning political prisoners, the U.S. ambassador incites religious riots and the Israeli secret service Mossad shoots leading politicians in Cairo these are just some of the stories that appear daily in Egypt's opposition papers.

Every day, phantasy, secrecy

and rumours, enter an explosive, and usually entirely untruthful union in the country's opposition

Under headlines like "Secrets of the Week" or "Banned News," readers find unattributed reports, catering for an insatiable hunger for sensationalism and highly dubious news.

President Hosni Mubarak is proud of the fact that he has never banned a paper, and Egypt's press is considered the nost liberal in the Arab World. Under Mubarak, the variety of papers and magazines has in-treased tremendously.

About a dozen publications, most of them linked with one of the political parties, are competing every week for readers' atten-

More and more, Mubarak has to appeal to the editors' sense of responsibility. A university lecturer, who like most of his fellow-Egyptians is all in favour of the relatively liberal press laws, recently said, "I don't know how long the state will be able to tolerate what these papers put out — they are really sturing up the people."

What they are writing here, could never be printed in the papers anywhere else." His conntry is one of the most frequently attacked targets of the press. The Islamic Al Nur recently published a report on the Bedoning of the Sinai peninsula,

As an Israeli diplomat put it,

which included the "information" that "young Jewish women from Europe flock to the Smai in droves and seduce young Bedouins into marriage, thereby contributing to the disintegration of social structures and making sure that Israel will have an easy time of it in the next war." Israel was also flooding Egypt

with drugs and undermining mor-

als and decency in the country,

the paper charged. A Cairo lawyer recently explained his theory on the current wave of terror attacks in Cairo with great conviction but without any evidence on the pages of the Liberal Socialist Party's al Ahrar: "I am sure that the Israeli secret service Mossad is behind all these attacks. Israel is an aggressive country, trying to dominate the

world through freemasonry." Another favourite target is the United States and its strong presence in the country. U.S. Ambassador Frank Wisner is often described as some sort of "governor-general," who, according to Al Ahali, "summons ministers and governors to his office to give them orders."

The most recent attack on U.S. diplomats in Cairo was supervised directly by Washington in order to press demands for an American security force here, the

paper said. Some of the leading opposition journalists are quite aware of the dangers of this kind of "reportand of the fact that the authorities may well get tired of it. But they point out two things. First, that the opposition papers are practically cut off from the flow of official information and are therefore dependent on

second-hand news. Secondly, they take over an argument often heard from journalists in other Arab countries, namely that nothing is so improbable that it can't happen in the

## accidents is likely to increase, he Plastic houses are here, prepare for heat guns instead of hammers

By Trudy Tynan The Associated Press

PITTSFIELD, Massachusetts ---The home handyman of the future might find a heat gun or ultrasonic welding device handier than a hammer for working on his plastic house.

So say engineers at General

Electric Co., who see the use of high-performance plastics, developed by the aerospace industry, as the next innovation in home construction. About 20 to 25 per cent of all plastics now go into the home

construction market, but only about 10 per cent of these are the high-strength and heat-resistant resins that could replace wood, metal, glass and other traditional building materials. The company is building a testhouse laboratory at its research

centre in Pittsfield, a small city

200 kilometres west of Boston, to

explore new uses for the highgrade resins in everything from windows to plumbing. The two-story house will be built from all plastic materials, but will look like a traditional New England-style house, said GE programme specialist Eric

Babinski. The construction and design of new homes has changed significantly in recent years, although the changes may not be readily

The biggest chance is the move toward prefabrication, where

components of the house - ranging from parts of the roof to entire sections of a house - are assembled in a factory and shipped to the building site. Entire sections of walls, floors and roofs are assembled in a factory and taken to the site.

Interior and exterior walls, in-

cluding electrical and plumbing

work, can be put together to form

By using prefabricated materials, builders can cut down on the number of subcontractors needed to complete a job.

Segments of a modular house can be produced in the factory, complete with fixtures, carpeting and even paint on the walls. They can be 95 per cent complete when they leave the factory.

Plastic houses have been around for 40 years, but they've been in strange, futuristic shapes and largely unsuccessful," Babinski said. "When you start changing the aesthetics of a house, you get onto shaky ground."

The trick is to provide a highquality production item that is consistent with what people want in a home," he added.

He said that plastics have been

associated with disposable items.

"But a house is not a throwaway item. It's real estate that should appreciate in value.' The high-performance resins are now two to 10 times more expensive than traditional building materials, he said, but could become competitive as builders

look toward prefabricated and

component assembly to hold

down costs. The median price of a new American house, with three bedrooms, two baths and 150 square metres of living space, sells for \$106,800, according to National Association of Realtors in

Washington. "The trend in the industry is to look for increased productivity and that's where these high-performance plastics might find a fit," Babinski said. "About 40 per cent of the homes now built use some form of premanufactured construction."

He said, "the key is to redesign

the wall using the high-perform-

ance plastics, to create a compo-

neut that could do everything a

traditional wall does but offers a performance advantage."
The engineering plastics typi-

cally have high melting points, create little smoke when they burn and have good sound-muf-fling qualities. However, the airtight home would need good ventilating systems, and researchers

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would have to ensure that the plastics themselves did not give off harmful gases, Babinski said. The wall and other units could be assembled much like children's plastic building blocks, he said, but would require the de-

veloment of whole new high-tech

industries for home repairs.

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# Bayern Munich wins 1st W.German Supercup

FRANKFURT, West Germany (Agencies) - New signing Jurgen Wegmann scored twice for Bayern Munich who beat Hamburg 2-1 on Tuesday night to become the first winners of the West German "Supercup," a new trophy contested by the league champions and cup winners.

Poland's Miroslav Okonski scored in the 39th minute to put cup holders Hamburg in front, but, after a shaky start, Bayern came back to equalise on the

Wegmann, formerly with Schalke, clinched victory for Bayern and 5,000 marks (\$2,700) each for his teammates with his second goal just three minutes from the end.

The game, played in Frankfurt, featured Bayern as the country's reigning First Division champions against the German Cup champions. Hamburg.

When Wegmann charged in front of the net to score his second goal and put Bayern in front, his momentum carried him into Hamburg's goalie Ulrich! Stein and both players fell to the

#### Minister slams Nigerian athletes over games allowance protest

LAGOS (R) - Nigeria's powerful but disgruntled contingent of athletes for the All-Africa Games were leaving for Kenya Tuesday night with a sharp rebuke from Sports Minister Bayo Lawal ringing in their ears.

Attacking their protest last week over low daily allowances during the August 1-12 games, he told them to accept the money or stay at home.

If only 10 of you are prepared to accept the \$10, let only the 10 go to Kenya," Air Commodore Lawal warned the athletes at a pep-talk in Lagos, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) re-

"You should first aspire to

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Stein reacted instantly with a right jab to Wegmann's face. He was given a red card for deliberately fouling Wegmann and replaced by Hamburg's reserve goalie Richard Golz for the last six minutes of play.

Some 22,000 fans were on hand to watch the first Supercup game that soccer federation officials have said will be staged annually. similar to Britain's traditional Charity Shield, which is played at Wembley Stadium each year.

The West German season opens officially on Saturday with the first round of league matches.

Asian Games in 1986, China has

securely attained the Asian num-

ber 1 position. The nation now

strives to become a world sports

power. In fact, this pursuit began

when the country regained its

position on the International

Olympic Committee (IOC) in

1979. Great efforts in training

programmes, recruiting and im-

proved coaching techniques will

all help China collect a large

share of golds at future world

At the 1984 Los Angeles Olym-

pic Games, China captured 15

gold medals, placing third in the

medal tally. For the Chinese

athletes, not content with this

crop of laurels, this triumph only

sharpened their enthusiasm to

bring home more in international

Since China's Olympic debut,

the nation has shown marked

improvement in previously weak

areas, such as swimming and

track-and-field. But, as expected,

most successes have been in Chi-

na's traditionally strong items

such as badminton, shooting, di-

ving, gymnastics, small-category weightlifting and table tennis.

At the 39th World Table Tennis

Championships, held in New De-lhi, India, in February 1987,

Chinese paddlers proved them-

selves with table stunts that

xeroxed their previous record.

Once again they captured six of

the seven gold medals, defending China's title of "Table Tennis

Table tennis will be officially

included for the first time in the

next Olympic Games, with four

gold medals offered. Chinese

world-champion paddlers Jiang

ialiang and He Zhili, in particu-

lar, are girding themselves for those four Olympic golds. Xu Shaofa, head coach of the

Chinese national table tennis

team, says: "Though we are fac-

ing a strong rivalry from our Swedish counterparts, we are quite sure of ourselves in forth-

coming, major world table tennis

Chinese divers, another strong

force, attained fresh records this year. In April 1987, women di-

vers Gao Min and Xu Yanmei

Senior system analysts

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contests.

competitions.

#### Athlete gaoled for sexual assault

understanding and forgiveness."

The victim attended the sen-

tencing and appeared stunned by

the verdict. Sitting in the back

row of the courtroom, she was

comforted by her daughters when

Chuck Hutchinson, a scout

with the Packers, said there

would be a place for Cade on the

roster if he was free to return to

the sentence was announced.

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP)

— Professional football player
Mossy Cade was sentenced on mistake and he has asked for Tuesday to two years imprisonment and a \$15,000 fine after being convicted of two counts of second-degree sexual assault.

Prosecutor Royce Finne called the sentence too lenient and said he was outraged by it. He said Cade, who played for the Green Bay Packers, would be eligible for parole in six months.

Cade, who was convicted May 23, had no comment on the sentence, but his lawyer, Donald

#### the team. Roche finishes 3rd in Dutch Race

STIPHOUT, Netherlands (AP) - Irishman Stephen Roche, cycling his first race since winning the grueling 1987 Tour de France, finished third Tuesday in the Stiphout Professional Race. Roche lost the final sprint against Spaniard Pedro Delgado, who won the race and was followed by Dutch veteran racer Joop Zoetemelk. The three top finishers had held a 15-second lead on the rest of the cyclists throughout most of the 100-km race.

## Soggy games, run and fun out in the sun

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

acknowledged he has made a mistake and he has asked for AMMAN — Watch people trying to take out as many bricks as they can... from under the water, or people trying to retrieve treasure from a box underwater and guarded by a octopus. Watch swimmers collect as many mines as possible without being blown

> Does this sound serious and exciting? Serious: no, exciting: definitely. This is the Knockout Competition — a fun activity that should not be missed.

> The games begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the Orthodox Club in Amman. Nine teams, each consisting of three men and three women, are preparing themselves for the spectacular event.

This is the second time the Knockout Competition takes

universities abroad. Because of the extremely hot weather, Nabil Haddad, the sponsor, said he was considering small breaks between every two games so that the spectators can cool off in the pool. There is also an hour-and-a-half lunch break.

Mr. Haddad said that the aim behind the competition is to encourage swimming activities and to gather young people together in a friendly and fun manner. He said that last year's games proved to be a success.

It took only one week to organise last year's competition and therefore only already produced material was used such as tennis balls, paint cans and balloons.

This year, however, the club's committee has taken over six weeks to prepare the event and. thus, included in a larger variety of games. Mr. Haddad said that the games are all designed and implemented by Kamal Mufti. Mr. Mufti is using gypsum. wax. polystyrene, sponge, and plastic for the material the competitors will have to use. (Look out for oversized plates, forks, spoons

and glasses!) Mr. Haddad told the Jordan Times that the main complaint he heard about last year's Knockout

place: Last year the event was in., Competition was that it was too September. This year, the social long of a day for the competitors committee of the Orthodox Club He added that this year's comdecided to do it earlier before petition will include games where students start heading back to not all members of the team participate, thus giving them a

> Resides the three games mentioned earlier, there are five others. Moby Dick is where one member of each team must swim like a whale using only his or her arms, making a large figure 8. There is a canoe marathon, but that does not necessarily mean just racing inside the pool Another race is trying to set a proper dinner table as fast as possible inside the pool. The seventh game is trying to catch the team's fish out of the water with the right letters and forming the hidden word. The final game is left as a surprise and will be announced prior to its start.

The Knockout Competition includes the following teams: The Marriott Hotel, YWCA, Royal Jordanian, Jiries and Khleif, Tuf-fy, Orthodox Educational Society, Orthodox Club, Fine and Rotar Act. The first two winning teams will receive trophies.

Spectators must pay JD 1 per adult and 500 fils per child. There will also be a lottery on the tickets bought by the audience. And, proceeds, according to Mr. Haddad, of the competition will go to building a new swimming pool at

#### PEKING — With China first again in gold medals at the 10th

greatness before asking for rewards," he added. Officials at the National Sports Commission who were present at the meeting confirmed the report but said the row appeared to be over and the minister's tough warning was not challenged.

They said most of the 325strong group of competitors and officials were leaving for Nairobi on a special flight on Tuesday night while the rest would follow

Last Thursday's demonstration, which disrupted training, was staged when athletes were told they would be given just six dollars a day in Kenya, despite reports that some officials were to receive a princely \$150 daily allo-

The one-day strike produced an increase to \$10, which officials insist is the maximum permitted to amateurs by the International Amateur Athletics Federation

"They had the impression, wrongly, that officials would receive \$150. But the demonstration was very unfortunate, unruly and undisciplined," Abdul Karim Amu, chairman of Nigeria's Amateur Athletics Association, told Reuters.

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### China's slogan 'break out of Asia...' is coming true



At the National Women's Weightlifting Championships in May, He Luna jerks 105 kg to break the world record of 100 kg in 60-kg category (Photo by China Features)

5th World Cup Diving Tournamers did not win a single gold ment in Amersfoot, The Nethermedal at the 7th and 8th Asian

Chinese strongmen and women have become a world force in small-category weightlifting. He Zhuoqiang, 20, snatched 116.5 kilogrammes in 52-kg category to break his own world record of 116 kg, at the 19th Asian Weightlifting Championships in Japan on April 17. He will defend his world title in the upcoming world cham-

pionships and the Olympiad.

Chinese strongwomen headed by Bi Caijuan, Yang Weiqin and Cai Jun, surpassed 16 world records at the First National Women's Weightlifting Cham-pionships in Changchun City. Jilin Province in May. So far the best world records in seven women's weightlifting categories, from 44-kg to 75-kg, are in the hands of Chinese strongwomen.

Some observers from the International Weightlifting Federation predict a triangle tussle among Bulgaria, China and the United States in the world's first women's weightlifting championships. These contests will be held in the United States this November. Federation members sav Chinese women are likely to win all golds in the first seven

categories.
The Chinese weightlifting hierarchy, however, noticed a gap in their 82.5-kg, 85-kg and even higher categories, with the world records held by the Bulgarians and Americans.

won two golds in individual Springboard and platform at the area in swimming. Chinese swim-China is strengthening its weak

Games. They earned three golds at the 9th Asian Games. Then at the 10th, the Chinese made a big splash forward in the swimming

pool by capturing 10 golds.

Now China has a group of promising swimmers, such as Yan Ming, Qian Hong, Huang Xiaomin and Jin Fu, who have grown into full-fledged contenders. Though they still have some distance to go to reach world level, the swimmers are expected to put in impressive performances in future world competitions.

Li Ning, China's super gymnast who won three golds in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympiad, will perform his swansong in the next world sports extravaganza. Li hopes to copy his previous win-ning record before his retirement., Teammmates Lou Yun, Xu Zhiqiang and others are all anxious to show their own gymnastics

stunts in the coming sports shows. Three years ago, Xu Haifeng won for China the first Olympic gold with his pistol. Xu also hit the bull's eye as a prolific medal-list in the 10th Asiad. He set a world shooting record there, only to be shattered by his teammate, Wang Yifu last April at a national shooting competition in Xi'an, Shannxi Province. Now they are both fixing their scopes on the

future games. In other strong areas such as the race walk, water polo, cycling, rowing and women's vol-leyball, Chinese athletes are edge with persistent exercise and training. In addition, China is also reinforcing its weak areas in track-and-field, and ballgames such a basketball and football.

With past sports-vacancies in China such as boxing and golf. China is preparing to fill the void with contenders. The country restored its boxing sport last May by holding national boxing championships in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, after a break of 28 years. This effort is aimed at the Asian Games and its 12 golds offered for boxing, and other world boxing competitions.
Golf, a latecomer to China's

sports fields, is not as popular as other games. Chinese young gol-fers staged their debut at the 10th Asiad but did not place in the winner's circle. China has built five golf courses that meet inter-national standards and is hopeful about future success in golf.

To help Chinese sports figures act out of the slogan, "Break out of Asia and March on to the World," the nation has made herculean efforts. One measure adopted has been a search for young talent in national competitions, among different age In this same vein. China has

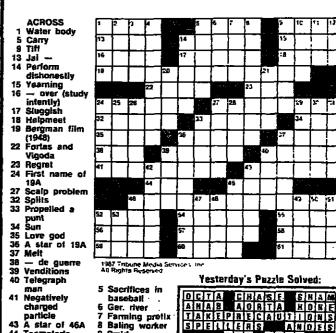
built, all across its country, specialising "homes" for volleyball. football, swimming, track-andfield, and other sports. Here recruiters select and train young people showing talent in certain

With more than 300 million sports participants, China can provide a great many promising rookies with great potential from which the Chinese sports authorities can select.

Both Chinese coaches and athletes understand that all adv ances in sports require as much brawn as brain. Advanced training and coaching methods in China now rely on technological devices and computers. There are thousands of scientists in sports physiology, psychology, nutrition and related area that can offer help to the athletes.

With China's generation of new sports stars coming of age, plus improved training and coaching methodology, the nation expects to put on quite a leyball, Chinese athletes are show at the coming major world sharpening their competitive contests — China Features.

### THE Daily Crossword by Mancy McCarthy



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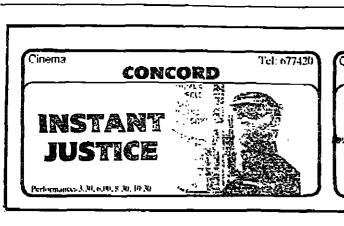
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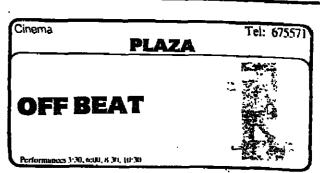
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#### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following were the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Wednesday.

One U.S. dollar

1.3330/40 1.8548/55 2.0900/10 1.5365/75 38.43/46 6.1675/1725 1342/1343 150.30/40 6.4675/4725 6.7875/7925

**LONDON STOCK MARKET** 

LONDON (R) — Share prices held the session's gains in quiet afternoon trading with optimism following Tuesday's bullish confederation of British industry quarterly survey continuing to

There has been buying ahead of ICI's second quarter results on Thursday which lifted the shares 19p to 1,553 after 1,560 and helped sentiment among the other leaders.

But some in the market think Thursday's release of ICI figures

could provide a signal for some scattered profit-taking. By 1400 GMT the FTSE 100 was up 20.4 points to 2,380.3, a rise of over 46

Ian Harwood, analyst at Warburg Securities, said he was not

surprised at the bounce after Tuesday's bullish CBI survey, but he

remained for the market's performance in the near term.

"August sees a whole batch of U.K. economic data which we

think will point to a strong economy and could well renew fears of

overheating," he said.

But he added a string of good company results is anticipated over the coming weeks and these could help tip the balance

towards a more positive outlook for shares. Some 34 U.K.

engineering firms are reporting figures over the next ten weeks.

U.S. dollars Canadian dollar West German marks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lira Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns

U.S. dollars

7.0375/0425 One ounce of gold 458.00/459.00

cheer up investors, dealers said.

points since last Friday's sharp falls.

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### foreign currency shortage KHARTOUM (R) — The press the newsprint shortage include has become the latest casualty of the daily A! Ayam, Sudan's old-

Press suffers from Sudan's

Sudan's foreign currency shor- est, Sawt Al Umma and Al tage as a shortage of newsprint Hadef. forces newspapers to halt publication, reduce their size or double their prices.

Newspaper executives blame the government for the crisis, saying they had repeatedly warned that they would be forced to close unless more newsprint became available.

They said the problem was caused by the policies of a government committee mandated with issuing import licences.

"As far as officials sitting on the committee are concerned, newsprint is way down on the import priority list," one executive told Renters.

Mr. Moheiddin Titawi, editor of the independent Al Usbu, said the government would probably eventually allow publishers to import newsprint at nil value, a system under which importers do not have to state how they raised foreign currency to finance their imports.

Another possibility, he said, was for the government to agree to imports of newsprint in barter deals included in trade protocols ral love for opposition and the between Sudan and foreign coun-

The newspapers which have more popular than those which already disappeared because of support it," he said.

### Crude oil prices climb above \$21 a barrel

NEW YORK (R) - Oil prices shot up to near 18-month highs Wednesday, rising at one stage by well over \$1 a barrel, as fresh Middle East tensions returned to the world markets.

West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude, went as high as \$21.65 a gain of \$1.16 from Tuesday's close, before it eased back to finish at \$21.32, up 83 cents for the day.

Oil prices reached their highest level since January 1986 a week ago, hitting \$21.91 in the futures market, but had settled back late last week and Tuesday as the threat of military engagement in the Gulf between the United States and Iran seemed to ease. Wednesday's rise in international oil prices was led by New York futures markets on anti-

leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. News that Iraq had shot down a Syrian fighter plane helped raise prices as well. "There was a buying hysteria in the markets today due to the

American statements by Iranian

said Mr. Peter Beutel, oil analyst with Elders Futures Inc. Markets were driven by the news that Iraq had shot down a Syrian MiG-21 jet that Baghdad claimed had invaded its air space. Also pushing up prices was Iran's statement that its jets had hit Iradi land positions on the central front of their war, Mr. Beutel

Iranian leader Khomeini's call on Muslims to "crush America's teeth in its mouth" added to pressures pushing up the market,

In remarks reported from Tehran by the national Iranian news agency IRNA, Khomeini warned the United States that military intervention in the Gulf was a "big trap and a dangerous

A subsequent report quoting Pentagon spokesman Robert Sims as saying that the oil tanker Bridgeton, a Kuwaiti ship now travelling under U.S. protection, had probably been targetted, created new anxieties and sent prices to their highs of the day. The Bridgeton was damaged last week when it struck an underwater mine planted by an unidentified

Ms. Carol De Nicolo, an analyst with GPR Inc. said: "Last week we were all beginning to believe the Bridgeton was a random act and the damage minor. Now it appears the damage was extensive ... This has made everyone nervous."

One major trading company alone bought 12 cargoes of North Sea Brent from \$19.25 up to \$19.85 a barrel, a rise of 80 cents a barrel from Tuesday. And traders were quoting futures prices for September Brent Cargoes at \$19.65-75 a barrel.

On the futures market, West Texas Intermediate for delivery in September closed at \$21.30 a barrel, up 88 cents from Tuesday's closing.

# Myriad disputes slow solution of debt crisis

LONDON (R) — While statesmen call for bold new approaches to the Third World debt crisis, bankers say real solutions hang on resolving myriad small problems of which Peru's plan on Tuesday to nationalise banks is but the latest.

\$1,000 billion, some worry that a case-by-case approach may not work fast enough.

The crisis seems as far from solution as ever, as more countries stop or limit payments on debt in a scramble for cash to keep their people fed and their

Mr. Stephanie Griffith-Jones, at the Institute of Development Studies of Sussex University.

Settlements reported Wednesday that Latin America, Africa and getting in new loans.

tween the banks that want to be paid back and countries that don't want to pay more than they can afford," said Mr. Griffith-Jones. "It won't change unless you change the rules.'

Many economists believe debt is too important an issue to stumble over questions like Peru's decision to nationalise its banks, or a dispute between Barclays Bank and the Philippines over linking agreement to a debt res-cheduling to an agreement on

But with the Third World owing fertiliser company.

Barclays said it would sign a \$13.2 billion debt rescheduling when the Philippines released funds to pay off portion of loans made to a private fertiliser firm.

ried that Barclays' attitude could torpedo the debt rescheduling but, said Finance Minister Jaime Ongpin: "All this left a bad taste in the mouth."

Mr. Ongpin said President Cory Aquino had the affair in mind when she launched a stinging attack on bankers in her stage of the nation address this week, saying that creditors "took undue and unfair advantage of the internal difficulties we have had."

Barclays deputy divisional general manager, Mr. John Champion, has replaced that such remarks do not help the Philippines' relationship with its credi-

Peru, meanwhile, moved still farther from its bank creditors, already alienated by its decision last year to limit payments on its debt to 10 per cent of its export carnings, with President Alan Garcia's new proposal to nationalise its banks.

Peru's creditors expect a devastating round of inflation, and probably plan to "just sit back and wait to see what happens," said Mr. John Calverley, an economist with American Express International Bank, in London. Others have followed Peru's Mr. Kaufman said.

suspending, paying off their

When the biggest Third World debtor, Brazil, stopped paying interest on \$68 billion of bank loans in February, economists feared the start of a new and more dangerous period.

Banks began setting aside funds to cover possible losses on Third World loans. Citicorp, the biggest American bank, led the way with a \$3 billion provision in

Economists saw these effective writedowns as a way of promoting debt-for-investment swaps, a device seen as one new approach to the crisis.

Debt can be swapped for shares in factories or hotels, while in Bolivia, the government has swapped a promise to set up a nature reserve in a remote Amazonian jungle in exchange for about \$650,000 of its debt — a deal which conservationists hope will be copied extensively.

But arranging swaps is complicated, and the ability of Third World economies to absorb such new investments is far smaller than their debt burdens, Mr. Cal-

verley said. It will take more than debt swaps to solve the debt crisis, and more and more economists and politicians are calling for at least

some debt to be forgiven. Even Wall Street guru Henry Kaufman, chief economist at investment bankers Salomon Brothers said so, last month.

"Let us face reality by accepting the mistakes of the past, by writing down loans where necessary, by providing debt forgiveness,

## TYOUR DAILY TOPOSCOPE from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Some matters of importance with considerable scope may draw your attention, but be sure of your facts and figures before getting in over your head. Consider the possibilities.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Your mate has an idea for an enjoyable time, so go along with this idea. Schedule your time wisely today.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make plans for the

future so that you can handle some home problems intelligently. Keep your temper.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) If you're considering

an amusement for this evening, make it inexpensive. You'll enjoy yourself much more.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Focus on establishing harmony at home. Retire early and get some

rest after a rather hectic day.... - LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Cleaning up around the house will yield some long lost articles. This is a good day for

quiet discussions and serious planning.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Try to be more cooperative with others, as you'll probably need their help later. Be sure to drive carefully.

toward your mate will be repaid ten-fold. Plan some amusement, but be sure to watch the cost. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Work on removing

obstacles in the path of your progress. Ignoring them would cause much stumbling. SAGIITARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be very

courteous to anyone you come in contact with today. Try to get your schedule running smoothly. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Think about how you can please a friend at a distance from you. Handle

small tasks this evening. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you demonstrate your happiness in the association, a partner will be much more willing to cooperate with you.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A business contact can

become a good and valuable iriend with a little effort. Be more kind and thoughtful at home. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will

be quite attractive and affectionate, and, as a result, will be very popular and pleasing. Your child would be well suited to a creative profession which requires precision such as entertainment or design. Teach him or her to make decisions more quickly.

#### FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is one of your best days to form alliances for now and the future and to reconcile any differences of opinion with associates. Be sure to look at both sides of any argument. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Some public affairs you've

been noticing could bring you much prestige if you apply yourself. Be wise in business affairs.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) With the help of a coworker, improve the efficiency of your surroundings.
Take it easy tonight and get some rest.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be more concerned with

the romantic side of life. You'll get good results by be-

ing your own best critic.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Entertain ing some influential people at home would greatly benefit your career situation. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Handle your correspondence

carefully; state your aims directly and get good results. Be more calm with your family tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You may find that an adviser is under the weather and not helpful, so get busy

and find needed information privately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't hesitate to ask favors of a generous friend today. Use your charm and

abilities wisely and profit. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you are puzzled about a business matter, don't dwell on it. The information is there for the asking. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan a trip which

is important to your welfare and growth. Make sure your wardrobe is right, but travel light. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You have been in

'a rut for quite some time. It's time to shake things up and find a way out of the doldrums. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't let others im-

pose on you so much. Make a plan of action and stick to it, as you really need direction. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't let anyone pull the wool over your eyes in business. Your most clever

method is simply common sense. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be very magnetic and affectionate, especially where family and friends are concerned. Slant the education toward manitarian interests, as your child could be quite a boon to society at large. Encourage him or her to participate in healthful sports.

### Philippine congress orders probe on foreign debt

MANILA (R) — The fledgling pedoed a Philippines debt resche Philippines congress ordered an duling agreement earlier this the country's foreign debt should

the two-chamber legislature's first move since it convened Monday, the lower house expressed support for President Corazon Aquino in her criticism of creditor banks.

She told the Congress opening ceremony that foreign banks had taken unfair advantage of internal difficulties to coerce her government into signing an unfavourable debt pact.

She was referring to a two-week old agreement to resche-dule \$13.2 billion of the country's \$28.4 billion foreign debt over 17

The lower house resolved to support Mrs. Aquino in her vow never again let the patrimony of this nation lie at the feet of ... these noble houses that have finally shown the true face of foreign finance."

A resolution said an inquiry should be held "into the state of the country's debt and its utilisative repudiation was necessary." The resolution said it was a

matter of common knowledge that a large part of the Philippine foreign debt did not benefit the Filipino people but "only the deposed ruler (Ferdinand) Marcos and a selected few around

The senate passed a resolution ordering a review of the entire debt restructuring agreement signed by Philippines.
Finance Secretary Jaime

Ongpin said Tuesday that Bri-tain's Barclays Bank nearly tor-

duling agreement earlier this inquiry Tuesday to see if some of month because of a dispute over loans to a private fertiliser com-

> Mr. Ongpin told Reuters the dispute with Barclays, as well as the refusal of Manila's creditor banks to budge on debt rescheduling terms agreed to in March, explained a bitter outburst by President Corazon Aquino in her state of the nation speech to the

Mr. Ongoin said Barclays led a

loan repayments in 1984 coincided with government debt res-

ment guarantee.

He said a compromise would have taken another month or two to hammer out, leading to unnecessary delays.

Ongpin said. She signed an executive order

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mass circulation, now prints

10,000 copies compared to a high of 100,000 and does not publish

"The government decided to turn a blind eye to our appeals to make newsprint available and

failed to consider options we

Mr. Titawi said he had reasons

"Sudanese people have a natu-

to believe that the government

might have engineered the crisis.

government may have felt that

opposition newspapers were far

proposed to solve the problems,'

said an Al Siyassa executive.

Africa.

on Saturdays.

country's new congress.

consortium of banks which had lent planters products, a major Philippine importer and distributor of fertilisers, a total of \$57 He said planters' default on

cided with government debt restructuring negotiations.

Mr. Ongpin said the government of former president Ferdinand Marcos signed a letter of undertaking in May 1985 pledging to bail out planters despite the fact that the loans had no govern-

Just days before the New York signing (of the rescheduling accord) we got a telex from Barclays saying they would boycott the ceremony unless there was a compromise," Mr. Ongpin said.

On July 14, three days before the New York ceremony, Mrs. Aquino was forced to bow to pressure from Barclays, Mr.

releasing 620 million pesos (\$30 million) to planters' creditor

The Philippines did so — wor-

economies ticking over. "It has now become clear that the world economy will not start growing, nor will commodity prices rise, nor banks start lend-ing to the Third World again, all of which assumptions had been made about the debt crisis," said

The Bank for International the Middle East are paying their bank creditors more than they are actions in the petroleum Gulf,'

"Now there is a conflict, be-

what do about loans to a private

LIMA (R) — President Alan Garcia Tuesday proposed the nationalisation of all banks and litarian or communist state. If study President Garcia's propcongress approves this (measure), the state will pay expropri-

frozen while congress studied his proposal. The owners of banks that were nationalised would receive compensation in accordance with Peruvian law, President Garcia said in a state of the nation address to congress.

He said the government was proposing nationalisation because banks had discriminated against the rural poor in their lending practices and had contri-buted to the flight of capital out of the country. President Garcia, whose

American popular Revolutionary Alliance Party dominates the 240seat Peruvian congress, also proposed nationalising the insurance industry.

"The financial system today in Peru is the most powerful instrument of concentrated economic strength, and thus of political power, and is the major obstacle to democratisation of production and to national savings," the president said.

"We are completely respectful of the law and democracy," he added. "We do not want a tota-

**Peru plans to nationalise banks** 

credit institutions in Peru and ated groups in accordance with said banking operations would be President Garcia did not make clear how nationalisation, if approved by congress, would affect the six foreign bank subsidiaries with operations in Peru, but a government official told Reuters the nationalisation was intended to include the foreign

> The six are bank of Tokyo Ltd, Citicorp, Bankamerica Corp, Bank of London and South America Ltd, Banco Central De and interest rates and an easing in Madrid, and Chase Manhattan

Government officials had predicted this week that President Garcia would take radical steps to clamp down on capital flight. Peru's net reserves stand at about \$800 million, officials said,

and about \$96 million has left the country since May. President Garcia said he was angry that, despite government incentives, -domestic producers had transferred earnings abroad instead of reinvesting their profits in increased production. The incentives included favourable tax

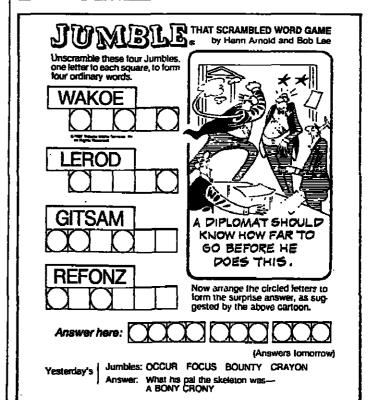
import regulations. President Garcia criticised Congress is next scheduled to banks for making 80 per cent of meet on Aug. 3 but could call an their loans to borrowers in Lima, earlier emergency session to discriminating against the poor.

### Lebanese pound edges higher

BEIRUT (R) - The Lebanese pound edged higher Wednesday BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese pound edged higher Wednesday amid rumours of possible new measures to support the currency, including use of Lebanon's large gold reserves or an Arab loan, banking sources said. The central bank posted a closing price of 177.75 (177.50/178.00) pounds to the dollar, up 75 piastres from Tuesday's close of 178.50 (178.00/179.00). The once-resilient pound, battered by political deadlock, economic crisis and ballooning government deficits, has lost 97 per cent of its value against the dollar since February 1984. But it stabilised at around 180 to the dollar, this week after a 32 per cent fell since line 1 mainly dollar this week, after a 32 per cent fall since June 1, mainly because of rumours of new support measures. dealers said.

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#### **Peanuts**











#### Mutt'n' Jeff







### **Andy Capp**









# Battles rage as Jayewardene, Gandhi sign Colombo peace pact

COLOMBO (R) — Riots raged around Colombo military helicopters dropped tear and buildings blazed as Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene Wednesday signed a pact aimed at ending the island's four years of ethnic conflict.

The two leaders signed the accord, whose terms are guaranteed by India, despite widespread opposition from militants in the majority Sinhalese community and among the minority Tamils it is designed to benefit.

The entire island was placed under 24-hour curfew after riots. bus burnings, looting and demonstrations also erupted in several provincial towns and cities across the island.

Central Colombo was deserted and heavily patrolled by troops as Mr. Jayewardene welcomed Mr.

The Indian leader brought word from Delhi that the main Tamil guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eclam, appeared to have softened its

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (R) -

Pakistani authorities have said 15

more people have been killed in

battles between rival Muslim

sects in a remote border area,

raising the official death toll to 45

A general ceasefire has now

been enforced in the fighting be-

tween Shi'ite and Sunni Muslims

in the Kurram Agency tribal area

of north western Pakistan,

Tuesday said the death toll could

A government statement said a

LIMA (R) — Peruvian guenillas

wounded two policemen and

blew up power lines causing

blackouts in five provinces hours

after President Alan Garcia Perez

lifted a nightly curfew in the

In a speech Tuesday night Mr.

Garcia called for the nationalisa-

tion of private banks, citing the

need to combat social inequali-

imposed since February 1986 in

an attempt to curb urban in-

surgency, the president said sub-

version "cannot make us prison-

ers of the state of emergency we

registered cargo vessel, injuring

one crewman, apparently were

dropped by a navy warplane.
"The U.S. Navy deeply regrets

the accident and is conducting a

full investigation into the circumstances," a statement from the U.S. military's press liaison

The injured crew member has

accepted an offer for medical care

at the U.S. naval hospital on

Okinawa and will be transferred

there (Thursday)," it added.
A Japanese Maritime Safety

Agency (MSA) official said ear-

lier Wednesday that warheads

from two dummy bombs and

office in Tokyo said.

Within hours, several Lima

U.S. Navy regrets hitting

ship with dummy bombs

must normalise life."

Abolishing the nightly curfew

Reports in local newspapers

in five days of fighting.

bordering Afghanistan.

be more than 200.

capital, police said.

Death toll in Pakistan's

sectarian battles hits 45

**Rebels bomb Lima hours** 

after Garcia lifts curfew

opposition to the peace proposal after he met its leader for 90 minutes Tuesday night.

But militant opposition to the pact among the island's majority Sinhalese community was unabated and even the government appeared divided over the

Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa and Agriculture Minister Gamini Jayasurya, both regarded as champions of the Sinhalese, boycotted the welcome ceremony for Mr. Gandhi. National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali was also

against at least four columns of Sinhalese demonstrators marching towards the capital. Police used baton charges,

forced through the efforts of lead-

ing Ulema (Islamic scholars) of

both the sects throughout the

instances of sporadic fire at some

places, particularly Alizai in low-

A Shi'ite spokesman said Mon-day both sides had used rockets

and mortars in the fighting, sparked by a dispute over the

ownership of a piece of land, and that Afghan guerrillas based in the area were siding with the local

neighbourhoods and areas of four

other provinces were blacked out

by a string of guerrilla bombings

that damaged a high-tension elec-

trical pylon and the hydroelectric

generator, both on the outskirts

of the capital, authorities said.

policemen guarding the generator were wounded in the attacks,

which they said they believed

were carried out by Maoist Sen-

dero Luminoso (Shining Path)

They said areas of the coastal provinces of Ica, Pisco and Tru-

jillo and the Andean province of Huancayo were also plunged into darkness by the rebels.

Police spokesman said two

But it said there had been

absent — directing operations

gas canisters and police and sol-diers opened fire several times to stop an estimated 15,000 protesters converging on the city from the north, south and east.

Doctors said at least two people were shot dead and 22 received gunshot wounds. Riots in the city centre Tuesday caused 22 deaths and more than 120 injured on the first day of protests against the peace pact.

Many of the Sinhalese community, who comprise 73 per cent of the island's 16 million population, see the pact as a de facto division of the island to satisfy the Tamils — a 13 per cent minority.

They object to provisions in the Indian-backed accord under which the Tamil-majority northorn province will be provisionally linked to the eastern province inhabited by Tamils, Sinhalese and Muslims in equal numbers to form a semi-autonomous

cost more than 6,000 lives and both Mr. Jayewardene and Mr. Gandhi are determined to push the peace pact through against all

Índia, which has a 50-million strong Tamil population, considers itself the guardian of Sri Lanka's Tamils and has long acted as mediator in the conflict.

As Mr. Gandhi landed at the airport he was whisked by helicopter to a sunny, colourful welcome ceremony in central Col-ombo about 16 kilometres from the battles ranging on the out-skirts of the capital.

State radio broadcast warnings to inhabitants to stay indoors "as curfew breakers are liable to be shot." It also broadcast orders to civilian home guards to report for duty to help police battle the

Witnesses said police fired on several occasions to stop columns of marchers getting into Col-

### S. Africa claims 190 killed in Angola raid

WINDHOEK, Namibia (R) — a South African military state-South Africa, in one of its biggest military incursions into Angola, killed 190 Angolan troops and black nationalist Namibian guerrillas, government authorities

The troops and guerrillas died in two clashes with South Africaled forces in southern Angola last weekend, according to a military announcement Tuesday night.

The death toll was the highest since January when South Africa, which admits its army units often cross the Angolan border, said it killed 72 Angolan soldiers and guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organisation

For more than two decades SWAPO has been waging a bush war for control of Namibia, the wealthy mineral territory adja-cent to South Africa that Pretoria rules in defiance of United Nations edicts.

South African-led forces often pursue SWAPO into Angola and Pretoria recently said that 515 guerrillas were killed in the first six months of 1987.

ment gave scant information about the latest clashes but said Angolan forces were ignoring repeated warnings to stop increased combined operations with SWAPO.

It said only one member of the South African force was slightly wounded in the clashes while unspecified damage was done to vehicles and equipment.

The fighting started when South African forces were ambushed while following tracks of SWAPO guerrillas over the Namibian border into Angola, the statement said.

The Pretoria government has refused to consider international calls for Namibian independence unless an estimated 30,000 Cuban troops withdraw from Angola.

Angola said this week that nearly 7,000 South African troops were currently inside southern Angola helping right-wing rebels of the National Union of Total Independence of Angola

The UNITA rebels have been fighting the Soviet and Cuban-backed Angolan government for

#### Except for the casualty report, 11 years. Chernobyl director, aides get 10 years in labour camp

Chernobyl plant, scene of the world's worst nuclear accident last year, was Wednesday sentenced to 10 years in labour camp. The former chief engineer of the plant and his deputy were also sentenced to 10 years at the end of a three-week trial in Chernobyl, 18 kilometres south east of

the station. All three were found guilty of gross violation of safety regula-tions which led to an explosion. A total of 31 people have been officially reported to have died as

a result of the blast. The former director, Viktor Bryukhanov, was also found guil-ty of abuse of power for which he was given five years. But the two sentences will run concurrently

under Soviet law.

CHERNOBYL, Soviet Union gineers, Nikolai Fomin and (R)—The former director of the Anatoly Dyatlov, Byukhanov was arrested some six weeks after the explosion on April 26, 1986. which sent a radiation cloud across Europe.

Boris Rogozhkin, shift chief at the plant's fourth reactor where the blast took place, was given

The reactor's overall chief, Alexander Kovalenko, was sentenced to three years and a senior engineer, Yuri Laushkin, to two

The six showed no obvious emotion when the sentences were read out by Judge Raimond Brize, but several of their relatives in the courtroom wept. The six defendants, wearing open necked shirts and jackets,

stood with their heads bowed in the dock as Brize read his one-Together with the two enand-a-half hour summary.

### Greece heatwave ends

ATHENS (R) — A 10-day heat-wave, blamed for as many as 1,000 deaths in Greece, eased Wednesday with temperatures

dropping dramatically.

The Athens weather office predicted temperatures of up to 35 degrees Celsius (95 Fahrenheit) Wednesday — well below the 44 Celsius (111 Fahrenheit) on Monday.

Temperatures had been above 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) for 10 days.

Burying the dead still posed a problem for the authorities. Newspapers reported that 285 corpses still awaited burial in seven cemeteries in the Athens area where bulldozers were used in some cases to open up new graves in pathways for lack of space in graveyards.

In Salonika, northern Greece, coffins were placed in refrigerated rail wagons because the mortuaries were full.

To cope with the many funerals, priests were conducting burial services in pairs, sometimes outside the church because of the

stench of corpses, witnesses said. Cemeteries took on extra workers wearing surgical masks to help with the internments.

### 27 people feared dead in northern Italian landslide

SONDRIO, Italy (R) - Twentyseven people are feared to have died when the side of mountain loosened by rain swept down on a valley in northern Italy, officials

said Wednesday. Tuesday's landslide, 10 days after floods and mudslides ravaged the area, obliterated the River Adda valley villages of Sant'Antonio Morignone and

Morignone and nearby hamlets.

A spokesman for the prefecture of Sondrio, the main local town, said the body of a woman had been found by rescue workers in the hamlet of Aquilone where 17 people were missing. Two residents of another ham-

let were also missing as well as seven technicians who had been inspecting a road destroyed in floods and mudslides which killed 16 people on July 18 and 19. The spokesman said Sant'An-

tonio Morignone and Morignone had been evacuated because of the threat of a landslide after the floods but that Aquilone had not. "The handet is 300 metres

above the river on the opposite

not thought to be in any danger," the spokesman told Reuters. A gash almost a kilometre wide was left in the mountainside by

bank from the landslide. It was

the landslide, which sent 10 million cubic metres of earth, rocks and trees hurtling into the vailey.
Officials said the debris had formed a huge dam behind which the Adda was slowly rising and that the winter resort of Bormio, eight kilometres north at the head of the valley, was approachable by road only from Switzerland.

Outgoing Civil Protection Minister Giuseppe Zamberletti said after flying over the area in a helicopter that only the evacuation had averted an even greater tragedy. "The geography of the valley has changed," he told re-

Northern Italy has been lashed by heavy rain in common with much of northern Europe and in stark contrast to the south of the continent, where hundreds of deaths have been blamed on a sweltering heatwave.

### Man charged with killing judge, 2 others in court

PORT ST. JOE, Florida (AP) — A man charged with fatally shooting a judge and two other people during a courthouse rampage had written numerous letters to newspapers that showed he was angry at the world," an editor

Clyde Melvin, who authorities said opened fire with two guns Tuesday during a court confer-ence about alimony payments, had fretted in his letters about "warmongers in Washington" and Zionist and Communist conspiracies.

The 62-year-old security guard also shot his ex-wife, Eleanor Inev Huckeba, whom he accused of infidelity, before he was shot by a sheriff, authorities said.

Melvin was treated at an area hospital and ordered jailed without bail on three counts of murder in the slayings of Ms. Huck-eba's lawyer, his ex-wife's sister and circuit Judge Wilson Lamar

Ms. Huckeba, 58, was in stable condition with a head wound described as minor by State Attorney James Appleman.

#### Reagan seeks to keep U.S. ahead in superconductors

propose laws designed to help the United States remain competitive in making commercial use of advances in developing superconduc-

Superconductors are materials which offer little or no resistance to transmission of electricity, opening the way to dramatic de-velopments in fields such as computers, medical diagnostics and even electric trains.

Research has been intense since the first breakthrough was made less than a year ago and scientists and industry in the United States, Europe and Japan are racing to apply the new materials.

At a Washington conference on the commercial applications of superconductivity, Mr. Reagan told scientists and others Tuesday

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has said he will soon gress a package of reforms including modernising America's "antiquated" anti-trust laws - to keep the United States competi-

> "This is no longer the era of the so-called robber barons — it is the age of high-tech and global competition," Mr. Reagan said. "Let's stop penalising American business and treating it like an enemy. Let's give ourselves a fair shake in the world marketplace."

Mr. Reagan's science adviser. William Graham, told reporters the legislation would be designed to permit U.S. industry to join forces to compete with foreign industry in superconductor re-

U.S. anti-trust laws were

drafted to bar such cooperation in the interests of competition.

"Cosmos 1841 launched on April 24 and recovered two experiments which included thymus hormone purification. Mos-

tory has said.

Reginald Turnhill, a former
British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) aviation correspondent who now edits the respected annual publication, said work on producing "super-pure" medicines was being carried out aboard the Mir permanent space

"Space-produced medicines which could be of help in treating AIDS - acquired immune deficiency syndrome — are almost certainly included in experiments and productive work recently carried out by the Soviets in both manned and unmanned spacecraft," he said in the 1987

U.S. and Soviet scientists recognise that drugs and medicines produced in space will be free of the impurities that are bound to occur in even the most rigorously-

saw the importance of producing medicines to treat the body's immune system, which is destroyed by AIDS. He said one such preparation, thymosin, could only be

mune systems, said Pitha. These side effects might not be

have not yet developed the dis-

Interferon's side effects could be of greater concern in such patients, who are outwardly healthy.

and AIDS-infected cells in the laboratory suggest that interferon disrupts the assembly of AIDS viruses in some way that makes them less infectious.

on can also suppress the infection which has already been estab-Interferon also makes the

AIDS virus less able to kill certain white blood cells called T Lymphocytes.

the ways that the immune systems of AIDS patients are damaged by

Pitha emphasised that these findings are preliminary and that further research is under way. Pitha has also found, as was reported at an international con-

ference on AIDS held in Washington in June, that other viruses of the herpes family can activate latent AIDS virus. "It might be a very important factor in the cause of the infection," she

The finding could explain how the AIDS virus, which can re-main latent in the body for five years or longer, is suddenly triggered to produce active infection and symptoms of AIDS, Pitha

The finding also raises the possibility that acyclovir, a drug approved for the treatment of herpes infections, might be useful in AIDS patients, Pitha said.

Unfortunately, when acyclovir is administered for a long period herpes viruses mutate and are no longer affected by the drug, she

Pitha said that natural interferon production is altered in patients with AIDS and in mice with an AIDS-like disease. Such findings reinforce the suggestion that the administration of interferon might be useful in AIDS patients.

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### Over 20,000 chicken die in Bahrain heat

BAHRAIN (R) - More than 20,000 chicken have died in a heat-wave in Bahrain during the last few days, farming sources said Wednesday. They said traditional farms without closed cooling systems were unable to protect their chicken from temperatures reaching up to 45.6 degrees Centigrade (II4 Fahrenheit). "With this heat, the mortality rate can be expected to increase," said Hassan Abdul Karim, farming services director at the Agriculture Ministry.

#### Burmese leader leaves hospital

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Burmese President U San Yu, whose appendix was removed in surgery at a military hospital last week, has fully recovered and was discharged from the hospital Wednesday, the government radio said. The 69-year-old president went to the United States early this year for a medical checkup after undergoing heart surgery at the Texas Heart Institute in Houston in November 1985.

#### Yugoslavia to protect dolphin

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - A friendly dolphin that has been entertaining tourists in the southern Adriatic Bay of Kotor for the past three years has received legal protection, the state Tanjung News Agency reported. It said the Kotor municipal government passed a law which prohibits catching, disturbing, destroying or chasing, the dolphin — nicknamed Joca — from his habitat. The two-metre long dolphin became a tourist attraction when it started approaching swimmers, playing ball, especially with children, and allowing them piggy-back rides. However, Joca has angered some fishermen, who claim it eats 40 kilogrammes of fish a day. Under the environmental protection law agreement. fish a day. Under the environmental protection law, any one who killing the dolphin would face a prison sentence of up to three years, plus a large fine.

#### 2 killed in Brazil prison break

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Three prisoners took 40 hostages after a gun battle that killed a guard and an inmate in southern Brazil, and police said the inmates would be allowed to escape. The three overpowered a guard and took 40 prison employees, including the warden, hostage in the central Prison in Porto Alegre, a city of 1.3 million people 1,560 kilometres south west of Rio de Janeiro, said Police Inspector Neli De Almeida. "They have revolvers, automatic pistols and apparently some heavy weaponry," Ms. Almeida said in a telephone interview. We don't know how they got the guns, but the prisoners include the biggest drug trafficker and the top bank robber in the state, so their gangs are pretty big." Officials agreed to let the prisoners go and to provide two new cars with full gas tanks, she said. State and municipal police who had surrounded the 1,200-immatecapacity prison were ordered to leave, she said. "All their demands were met. They said they would take four hostages and let the rest go, although they could always change their minds," Ms. Almeida said.

#### French composer wins copyright fight

NEW YORK (R) — French songwriter Louis (Loulon) Gaste has said he had won a copyright imfringement suit over the popular song Feelings. Gaste, 79, who has written songs for Edith Fiat, Maurice Chevalier and Yves Montand, said Feelings was actually his song Pour Toi, which he published in 1956. A federal court jury deliberated for less than an hour last week before agreeing. It award Gaste most of the royalties for the song in the United States and Canada for the last three years, totalling about hill a million dollars. Gaste, who announced his victory at a press conference, said Feelings was first performed in the United States in 1975 by Morris Albert, one of the two defendants in the suit. Albert claimed he wrote the song. The other defendant was the publisher of the song, Fermata International Melodiesn based in Brazil. The composer said his songs were "my creations, my children." He thanked the jury, which he said "gave me back my baby." A French court ruled in his favour previously. Gaste said his wife, a singer, wanted to use Pour Toi in a commercial she was doing but was told it could not be used because the song was not his. This prompted him to sue, he said.

#### Families evicted from converted pigsties

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Buildozers razed converted pigstics near Johannesburg where 55 black families were living because of a housing shortage for blacks, evicted tenants have said. The families were renting former pig pens with electricity and sewerage for up to 85 rand (\$42) a month and 45 rand (\$22) for hats without. Police watched as the structures were demolished on the orders of the landowner, who was not available for comment. The tenants said they had asked for the demolition to be delayed until next Monday so they could find alternative accommodation. Representatives of the owner had agreed. "But the men were here and started knocking down the houses before we were hardly out of them," a resident said.

#### Shoe manufacturer sued for \$15m

NEW YORK (R) — A U.S. sports-shoe manufacturer has been sued for \$15 million for using the original recording of the Beatles' song Revolution in a nationwide advertising campaign. The suit on behalf of Apple Records charged that the manufacturer used the recording of the song without permission to further a sales campaign it called "revolution in motion." "The Beatles never authorised the use of that song," said attorney Leonard Marks, who filed the suit in Manhattan supreme court. "They don't sing limited to sell sneakers or nantyhose or any other product." he jingles to sell sneakers or pantyhose or any other product," he told Reuters. The dispute is over the use of the original Beatles' recording of the song as opposed to the lyrics or a new recording.

Apple Records, which holds all rights to the Beatles' name and Appie Records, which holds an lights to the beatles main and music in North America, also named as defendants Capitol Records, EMI Records, holders of the manufacturing and distribution rights to the Beatles' music, and Wieden and Kennedy, the advertising agency that handles the manufacturer's account. Marks said he filed the suit on behalf of the four Apple shareholders: former Beatles Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr, and Yoko Ono, the widow of John Lennon.

#### Hitler's only self-portrait discovered

SPEYER, West Germany (R) — The only known self-portrait by Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler has been discovered in the possession of a Viennese family, a West German historian has said. The unsigned 58 x 41 cm (23 by 16 inch) canvas in oils shows the 35-year-old Hitler, a frustrated painter, wearing a traditional dark green Bavarian outfit with knee-breeches and white knee-socks, Professor Werner Maser told Reuters. "This portrait is genuine," Maser said, in a telephone interview from his home in Speyer. near Frankfurt. He added that he had been aware of the portrait since the 1960s and had examined it personally and judged it of poor artistic quality. Maser said the painting was kept in a Vienna bank vault by the family of a deceased art expert, whom he refused to name. Hitler had painted it on the April 20, 1925. shortly before his 36th birthday. He had painted from a photograph of himself and had succeeded in capturing his "bad mood", Maser added. "This was shortly after his release from prison. The party was outlawed, he was forbidden to speak, his helplessness is plain to see," he said. Hitler's precise adherence to his photographic image showed the portrait was meant as a candid snapshot, not a self-idealisation.

# Weekend Crossword not received

#### ♣ K 2 Dummy's jack of hearts was SOUTH played to the first trick, covered by the queen and ducked by declarer. He won the heart return and set ·753 about establishing his spade trick. **♦QJ973** Note that it would be wrong to play the ace-queen of spades. West would win and play a third spade, The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass and when East got in with the king of clubs he could cash two more Opening lead: Five of $\nabla$ spade tricks to set the contract. Declarer correctly led the queen of spades from hand! You would be surprised how sim-The defenders were helpless. West took the king and knocked

trump on a straightforward power auction. Note that five clubs is an inferior contract despite the 5-5

Kazuhiro Sameshima of the

MSA's regional headquarters in Okinawa, 1,600 kilometres south west of Tokyo, said there were two 20-centimetre diameter holes in the stern of the vessel, which carried 21 Filipino crew mem-

Both vulnerable. South deals. NORTH **♠**183 ∵16 **♣**A 10854 WEST EAST **♦ K92 \$107654** J 1086

ple a game bridge would be if erly. And learned to put that knowledge to correct use.

TOKYO (AP) — The U.S. Navy said Wednesday the dummy bombs that struck a Malaysian-ter it was hit in the East China

Sea on Monday night.

The U.S. statement said U.S. Navy officials who inspected the "have determined that Mark-76 non-explosive practice bombs apparently dropped by a navy FA-18 aircraft struck the ship, causing damage and injur-ing one crew member."

he had nine fast tricks if the club fi-

nesse was going to succeed. If it

failed, however, there were only eight tricks, and a ninth would

have to be developed. One way was

to try a diamond finesse, but that

offered only a 50 percent chance of

success. The spade suit offered a

spades and take his nine tricks—

two spades, two hearts, one dia-

mond and four clubs.

sure way to set up the game-going

#### GOREN BRIDGE

ALL IT TAKES IS COUNTING ♥Q94 ♦K94

out declarer's remaining heart stopper, but it availed him naught. (No other return would have been any better.) When East got in with North-South reached three no the king of clubs he had no more hearts. Whatever he returned, declarer would win, clear the ace of

West led his fourth-best heart and it was obvious to declarer that

Jane's: Soviet experimenting on 'space-made' AIDS drug LONDON (Agencies) - The

Soviet Union is almost certainly experimenting to see whether a drug to counter the killer disease AIDS can be manufactured in the "super-clean" conditions of space, Jane's Spaceflight Direc-

station.

edition of the Directory published Tuesday.

controlled environment on earth. Turnhill said Soviet scientists produced on earth with impuri-

cow's Institute of Biomedical Technology has not yet announced the results, but other preparations already produced by them in space include some to treat viral and tumour diseases."

Meanwhile laboratory studiesin U.S. show that interferon inhibits multiplication of the AIDS virus and its ability to kill cells, but the drug's side effects may limit its use in AIDS patients, a researcher said Tuesday. Paula Pitha, a cancer specialist

at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, said that interferon does not cure AIDS, but merely slows its progression. "It means you have to treat with interferon for a long time, and the present interferon treatment has some side effects —

people don't feel well," Pitha

said. She spoke during a gathering of geneticists at the Jackson

Laboratory in Bar Harbour, Interferon, a natural anti-vitai substance produced by the body to fight disease, was widely touted several years ago as a potentially important weapon

against cancer. Though it has proven to be effective against some forms of

# cancer, it has not had the drama-

tic impact that many researchers had hoped. It produces flu-like symptoms and alterations in im-

a great concern in patients who are seriously ill with AIDS. However, Pitha's research suggests that interferon might prevent AIDS in patients who have been infected with the virus but

Pitha's studies with interferon

"If you treat cells before they are infected, you inhibit the virus replication," she said. "Interfer-

The killing of the T Lymphocytes by the AIDS virus is one of

the virus.